

# Sensational

Dear Parents in Grade 1,

Over the next 7 weeks, K2 and Grade 1 will be following a unit of work on a theme which focuses on the senses. This Unit is part of the International Primary Curriculum. Each Unit is based around specific targets derived from the learning goals for one or more of the subjects.

During this unit we will be focusing on Art, Science, Technology and International. Besides this, we will work towards the following Mathematics and Language Arts learning goals.

We will start our Unit by using our senses to investigate the delights of Christmas season!

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- ✓ About different artists and how their work appeals to our senses
- ✓ How colour, pattern and shape can be used to appeal to the senses
- ✓ How we can create our own art to show what we have learnt about the senses

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- ✓ About our senses and how we use them
- ✓ Finding out what happens when we are deprived of our senses
- ✓ How sound travels and how our senses of taste and smell are connected

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- ✓ How to make a fruit salad by exploring taste, colour and texture
- ✓ About optical illusions and how we can fool the senses
- ✓ How to make our own optical illusion toys

In International, we'll be finding out:

- ✓ How we experience and remember places through our sense of smell, taste, touch, hearing and sight

In Mathematics the children will:

- ✓ Understand the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction
- ✓ Know standard units used for the measurement length, time, temperature
- ✓ Be able to use standard and non-standard units to measure of length, time, temperature
- ✓ Be able to estimate measurements and to check their estimates against actual measurement
- ✓ Be able to gather information and record it using simple lists, tables and charts
- ✓ Understand that they can find out about a group of things by investigating just some of them

In Language Arts the children will:

- ✓ Be able to recognise the main features of what they read
- ✓ Be able to use writing to convey simple ideas
- ✓ Be able to give consideration to the needs of the reader
- ✓ Be able to write with letters that are accurately formed and consistent in size
- ✓ Know the basic structure elements of word structure
- ✓ Be able to recognise and use nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs
- ✓ Be able to use conventions of spelling so that monosyllabic words are usually spelt accurately
- ✓ Be able to use a variety of strategies and cues to read unfamiliar words

Vocabulary: During this unit children should become familiar with following words:

Senses, taste, touch, hearing, sight, smell, sounds, texture, deaf, blind, illusion, communication, vibrate, source, lukewarm.

Grade 1 also has Danish Vocabulary

Sanser, smage, føle, lytte, se, lugte, lytte, tekstur, døv, blind, illusion, kommunikation, kommunikation, vibration, søge/kode, lunken.

Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. If your child has some work to research, please help them, but without actually doing the work. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of this theme please take it, but your enthusiasm and interest is most important.

Also if you have any skills or knowledge in any of the above areas, we would appreciate your help or input. Please speak to the teachers if you would be willing to come into the classroom to speak to the children.

At times during this Unit the children will taste various foods. Please make sure that the teacher is aware of any allergies or dietary restrictions that your child may have.

Kind Regards Pia ☺