

Sensational

Dear Parents,

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.

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:

- Be able to use their mathematical knowledge, skills and understanding in everyday situations
- Be able to recognise symbolic, concrete and pictorial representations of numbers
- Know standard units used for the measurement of time and temperature
- Be able to use and understand the common language of spatial sense
- Be able to gather information and record it using simple lists, tables and charts

In Language Arts the children will:

- Be able to make contributions to class and group discussions
- Be able to give consideration to the needs of the listener
- Begin to be able to summarise and retell what they have read
- Be able to write with letters that are accurately formed and consistent in size
- Be able to use simple punctuation
- Be able to recognise familiar words on sight

Vocabulary:

During this Unit, children should become familiar with the following words:

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

(Grade 1 also has Danish Vocabulary)

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.

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

Sharon, Pia and Daniela

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