

Music



We will use percussion instruments to create accompaniments and sound effects to stories as well as learning to play different rhythms.

The children will also learn to sing in a round and use call and echo songs to practice developing pitch and tempo.

PE



This term we will continue to develop our hockey skills in games. This will be led by the coaches from Newcastle Community Football.

In addition, we will continue gymnastics lessons with a specialist teacher. Year 2 will need their P.E. kit on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with plimsolls or suitable trainers for lessons. Please ensure you continue to bring in warm PE clothing for outside lessons.

Art and Design Technology



In Art we will continue to explore collage being influenced by Claude Monet. We will also look at the art of China as well as investigating the Willow Pattern story and The Magic Paintbrush story. In DT we will create our own dragon puppets along with other felt hand puppets in our Parent Workshops; we are really looking forward to welcoming you into school. Finally, in DT we will investigate food from China and sample some Chinese foods.

What can you do to help?

- Maths homework will be issued every Wednesday and should be handed in the following Monday. There will also be a booklet of activities relating to our topic issued, the children can complete tasks within this, in order to extend their learning. Work completed will be celebrated within school.
- Read with your child regularly, and encourage them to read out aloud using expression. Ask questions about the book they have read and make a comment in their reading journal.
- Work with your child to enable them to become more confident at reciting their times tables and reading and spelling their common exception words.
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every week; t-shirt, shorts, plimsolls.

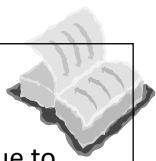


Curriculum Information

Year 2
Spring Term 2
2019

Exploring China

English



This half term we will continue to develop our use of question marks, exclamation marks, commas and apostrophes. We will identify suffixes and use these appropriately in our spelling, especially in tense work.

Also we continue to use stories such as 'Baba Yaga' and 'The Dragon Machine' to make up our own stories using exciting vocabulary. We will then be writing detailed recounts of the parent lesson and writing descriptive poems about monsters and dinosaurs.

Finally, we will continue to develop our understanding of comprehension activities and working on our joined handwriting from the line.

History



This half term we will be looking at the history behind Chinese New Year as well as studying famous stories from Chinese culture.

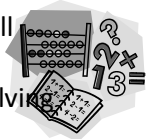
Geography



During this half term we will compare the UK with China. We will be able to describe where China is and locate the country on a world map. We will compare what life is like in the UK and China including the physical features, climate and food that people eat. We will develop our use of geographical vocabulary and use it to describe parts of the UK, China and areas around the world.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be using our maths skills to solve number problems involving money.



Also we will be developing our knowledge of fractions as equal parts of a whole and which fractions are equivalent.

As well as this we will be collecting data about our favourite Chinese foods and we will create a pictogram to show our findings.

All our homework this half term will be based around time. Help your child by reading to the time to the nearest 5 minutes from a clock face.

Computing



In computing this term we will be learning to use the internet safely to carry out our own research. We will also be learning to create simple sets of instructions to direct a computer program and correct any mistakes using the term 'debugging'.

Science



We will complete our materials unit this half term; the children will be investigating waterproof materials. We will then move on to studying plants. We will compare and grow different types of seeds, as well as looking at the plants and the fruit they produce. The children will name the parts of a plant and investigate what conditions the plants need to grow in. Also our observational skills will be used to draw the inside of seeds and plants that are growing around the school grounds.

RE/PHSCE



We will study the concept of Salvation this half term, learning about Easter and its place in the 'Big Story' of the Bible. We will study Christian beliefs surrounding the concept of Salvation; *Jesus showed that He was willing to forgive all people, even for putting Him on the cross. Jesus builds a bridge between God and humans. Jesus rose from the dead, giving people hope of a new life.*