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Spring 2019

Our main topic this term is China. We will be learning about the country through links to many of the National Curriculum subjects, including making our own Chinese lunch! If you have any resources related to this topic we would love to see them. Thank you.

CORE SUBJECTS

Maths



In Maths we will continue to work on our times tables.

We will use 2 and 3 digit numbers in addition and subtraction when solving problems, as well as start looking at multiplication and division.

Our lessons will focus upon measures too. We will learn about the properties of more complex 2D shapes and secure our knowledge of 3D shapes.

Finally, we will have fun with directions and co-ordinates!

English



In English this term we will be looking at traditional tales both from England and China, specifically focusing on fables. We will investigate the roles of good and bad characters in each story. We will experiment with reversing the roles of characters in stories and also practise how to alter dialogue to make it more interesting.

We will also be looking at the features of non-fiction texts and reports.

If you would like to help your child this term, it might be good to have a look at Aesop's Fables.

Science



We will start by investigating living things and their habitats. The children will identify and compare the suitability of habitats. We will then start to think about plants. During our studies, we will learn what plants need to germinate, grow and stay healthy.

Later this term the children will identify and compare materials. Plastic and fabrics will be studied in detail and we will investigate how to change the shape of an object by changing the material. The children will then move on to think about new uses for materials.

Computing

Our work in computing this term will allow the children to learn how to send and receive emails through a school email address. They will be thinking about how to attach documents and how to use different icons. We will also complete a unit on internet safety.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Geography/History



In Geography we will be learning about the similarities and differences between China and England. We will learn about landmarks, housing and facilities in both countries and compare the way in which people live. We will celebrate Chinese New Year and taste Chinese food to bring the topic to life! In History we will be learning about ancient China including details about the Terracotta Army.

R.E.



We will start the term by studying different Bible texts to learn about the good news that Jesus brings. Later this term, leading up to Easter, we will be learning about the concept of salvation and why Easter matters to Christians.

Music



The children will take part in a unit of work called 'What's the score?' where they will investigate what sounds instruments can make and how to change that sound by playing the instruments in a different way. They will learn how symbols can be used to represent sound and, using these skills, will compose and perform a piece of music.

D&T



This term we will be exploring Chinese food. We will investigate ancient and modern Chinese recipes and design our own dishes and menu to cook.

We will be tasting our dishes and evaluating them too.

Art



In Art we will be exploring sculptures and the use of clay. This will be linked to The Terracotta Army. We will be looking at traditional and modern pieces of Chinese art from a variety of artists. We will look to recreate some of the paintings and drawings we will be studying.

We will then be thinking about making some traditional Chinese objects such as a Chinese dragon and a Chinese lantern.