



# Year 2

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Spring

Our main topic this term is China. We will be learning about the country, as well other parts of the world with links to many of the National Curriculum subjects. We will also be thinking about Chinese New Year and how this is celebrated.

## CORE SUBJECTS

### Maths



In Maths we will be continuing our unit of work on addition and subtraction. We will be entwining this with more about money, including adding and subtracting amounts of money and giving change.

We will also start to look at multiplication and division. We will use arrays to help us with our multiplication problems and will be sharing to help us divide. Any practise at home on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables would be beneficial.

Towards the end of term, we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

### English



In English this term we will be writing our own set of instructions. We will have the opportunity to do some Chinese cooking and will be writing a step-by-step guide all linked to what we have made.

We will also be looking at the features of non-fiction texts and reports. We will be thinking about Chinese dragons and writing our own non-chronological reports about them. This will involve using lots of interesting adjectives to describe them, as well as remembering our full stops and capital letters.

After half term, we will be looking at the story of The Magic Paintbrush. We will have the opportunity to write our own interesting versions.

### Science



At the beginning of the term we will be looking at materials. Plastic and fabrics will be studied in detail and we will investigate how some of these different materials can change shape. We will think about different words to describe materials, as well as the reasons why they are used for certain objects.

After half term, we will be looking at plants. We will be thinking about what helps them to grow and the different parts of them. We will be growing our own plants and monitoring their growth as we tend them.

### Computing

This term we will be completing a unit called 'We are zoologists'. We will be exploring and working outside to collect information about bugs. We will be collecting data and organising it and having what we have found.

We will also continue to use typing club to help us gain confidence and familiarity with the keys and aiming for typing 5 words per minute!

## 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.

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 initially take part in a unit of work called 'I wanna be in a band'. This will involve learning a rock song specially designed for children. After that, the children will complete a unit called 'Zootime' which involves learning about Reggae. They will be learning a song and playing some instruments alongside it.

### D&T



This term we will be exploring Chinese food. We will investigate ancient and modern Chinese recipes and have the chance to do some Chinese cooking of our own.

We will be tasting our dishes and evaluating them too.

We will also be designing and making puppets with a Chinese theme.

### Art



This term we will be following a unit of work on painting. We will be looking at the colour wheel and investigating complimentary and contrasting colours. We will be learning about tints and shades and studying the work of Lowry.