All Saints CE School, Bishop's Stortford

Elm Class

Some information to help you support your child this term.

Spring

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

Core Subjects

Maths

In Maths we will start by looking at money. We will be learning about the value of different coins and how we can use these coins to make different amounts. We will be thinking about adding money together 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. We will be using Percy Parker to help us practise our times tables. Any practise at home on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables would be beneficial.

We will be looking at finding fractions of both shape and number and will also 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

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 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.

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 also be thinking about making some traditional Chinese objects such as a Chinese Dragon. We will be making these using Paper Mache and paint.