

Information for Parents and Carers

Class 2: Spring Term 1



Where would you prefer to live: England or China?

The focus of this half term's **Geography** work is to learn about **China** through focusing on the main human and physical features of the country. We will look at the similarities and differences between China and the United Kingdom by learning about the life of children in both countries including schools, the climate, the culture and the food that is eaten. We will recap the names and locations of the seven continents and five oceans of the world.

English: First we will be using the book 'Winter's Child' to encourage us to write some Winter Poetry. Then our theme is 'Tales from a Variety of Cultures' and we will be using two texts that are based on Chinese legends – 'The Dragon Machine' and 'The Magic Paintbrush'. We will plan and write a story about a dragon, complete a non-chronological report and describe/create our own character descriptions. **Phonics** will be taught in Y1 and **Spellings** in Y2 using the 'Essential Letters and Sounds' scheme. **Handwriting** (cursive) and **Reading Comprehension** lessons also take place in Y2.



Maths:

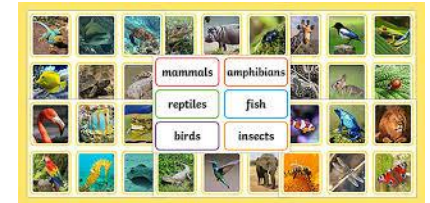
In Maths we will be covering the following topics:
Addition and Subtraction within 100
Multiplication and Division
2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables (Y2)



We will be using a range of resources and much of our work will involve practical activities to make the lessons fun and enjoyable.

Science:

This half term's Science will focus on the Biology topic 'Animals'. We will be finding the answer to the question 'Why are humans not like tigers?' The children will learn how to classify animals into the groups of amphibian, reptile, mammal, fish and bird. They will be able to classify animals according to what they eat e.g. carnivore, herbivore and omnivore. We will be sorting living and non-living things.



PE & Games:

This term's PE lessons are Netball on a Wednesday and Gymnastics with the PE Coach on a Thursday. **Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school at all times**, as days can change if the hall is booked out or the weather is poor. Long hair must be tied back for safety during the PE lessons.

How you can help at home:

Maths Home Learning (usually Mathematics activities) will be set on Fridays and should be completed by the following Thursday. Every week the children will be given a set of words to learn ready for a spelling test each Monday. Year 2 will also need to practise their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. Please ensure your child reads to you regularly and that an adult has signed their reading record. It is important that your child has their reading book in their school bag every day. New reading books will be given for home practice when your child has read with an adult at home and has their previous books to exchange.

Class 2 – Dates for your diary:

- Tues 14th Jan – SEND Parent Teacher Meetings
- Wed 15th Jan - DLP Gymnastics Competition KS1
- Tues 21st Jan – Indian Dance Workshop
- Thurs 23rd Jan – African Drumming Workshop
- Fri 24th Jan - World Café
- Fri 31st Jan - C1/C2 Celebration Assembly 9am

Cross Curricular Learning:

In **Art** we will be learning about creating simple three dimensional shapes and structures using paper and card. We will fold, roll and scrunch materials to make our own sculptures. In **RE** our theme is 'What do Muslims believe and how do they live?' The children will learn about the three big Muslim ideas; there is only one God, a Muslim is someone who accepts this and that they worship one God. The **Computing** activities are called 'Grouping and Sorting' and 'Creating Pictures'. Our **PSHE Ed** topics are Making and Breaking Relationships, Conflict Resolution and Online Safety. Finally, our **Music** topic is called 'I wanna play in a band' – a rock song for children. They will sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, and will listen and appraise classic rock songs.

