

Year 2 Newsletter

Quartz Class Teacher: Mr Sonnex

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Schreur, Mrs Wildish & Miss Smith

Sapphire Class Teachers: Mrs Cassell & Mrs Dengate

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Calver & Mrs White

Curriculum information

Our Term 3 topic is China



This term we will be learning all about China.

This is a very cross curricular topic and we will be immersing ourselves in Chinese themed activities in several other subject areas. During our **geography** lessons we will be learning about where China is in the world, geographical features, homes in China, schools and how the life of a Chinese child may differ to ours.

In **maths**, we will be solving multiplication and division problems using concrete resources, arrays, repeated addition and mental methods. We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. Additionally, we will be linking our mathematical skills to our Science topic by using statistics.

In **English**, we will be looking at a variety of stories from other cultures all over the world. These include: **The Magic Paintbrush** and **The Chinese Zodiac**. We will be focussing on the use of conjunctions to extend simple sentences and we will be using a range of punctuation, including speech marks. As well as this, we will be learning about non-fiction texts and the children will design and write their own adverts about their dragon puppets.

In **science**, we are learning about **materials** and linking this to our China topic. We will be finding out about the different materials used to make houses in China as well as looking at the materials used to make traditional Chinese clothing.

In **P.E.** we will learn batting and fielding skills and will concentrate on balance in gymnastics.

In **R.E.** we will look at **Islam** and how Muslim people live by learning about their home life and festivals.

P.E

Both Sapphire and Quartz class will have P.E on

Mondays.

Please could you ensure your child has their P.E kit in school. **Please remove earrings on these days** - this is an important health and safety issue.



How can you help at home?

2, 5 and 10 times tables

Reading- books, comics, recipes or labels!

Number facts to 10, 20 and 100

Telling the time and using money in real life situations

Writing simple stories with a clear structure

Key Dates:

3rd February: Story Telling Week

13th February: Spring Disco.

14th February: End of Term 3 and 100% attendance reward.

Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a **named** drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. **This should contain water only, no juice or squash please.**



Reading books

Each week your child is listened to read in Guided Reading sessions. Reading is a tricky skill to master and your child will benefit from **reading with you at home, as much as possible, to build confidence and fluency and to develop comprehension skills.**

It is also very beneficial (and fabulous for your child) if you continue to read to them - thank you!



Clothing

Please make sure all items of your child's clothing has their name on it. It makes it much easier to reunite children with lost clothes. This includes their PE kit.

Thank you