

Sapphire Class



Sapphire Class Teachers - Mrs Simpson and Mrs Cassell
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Curriculum information

Our Term 3 topic: 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. We have a special visitor coming in to visit us on **Tuesday 22nd January** to teach us about the Chinese culture and teach some traditional dances.

In **maths**, we will be solving multiplication and division problems using concrete resources, arrays, repeated addition and mental methods. 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.

This term, in our **music** lessons, we will be composing a piece of music linked to the animals in The Chinese Zodiac.

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

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

P.E is on **Thursdays and Fridays.**

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?

- Reading at least 5 times a week - books, signs, 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
- Spellings



Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a **named** drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom.



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.