



Year 4 Autumn 2 Topic Letter

November 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a busy first Autumn Term, with the classes settling in and working hard on their different topic areas. We are looking forward to our new topics in the second half of Autumn Term and all the fun filled activities in the lead up to Christmas!

We shall be covering the following areas this half- term in our topic 'China'.

Many parents have, in the past, requested links to the topic where they can support their child in the learning going on in school. These are purely optional.

| | Curriculum covered this half-term | Optional suggestions for home-learning |
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| English | <p>Spelling: Topic words, adverbs – ly suffix, plurals, descriptive words for thrillers.</p> <p>Grammar: Revision of punctuation, varied sentence openers, figurative language, subordinate clauses.</p> <p>Writing: Comparative writing about schools in England/China. Stories from different cultures including the Chinese Moon Festival Story and Mulan. Thrillers</p> <p>Reading: the children will bring home reading records with their colour 'banded' books, and continue with guided reading in class.</p> <p>Handwriting: Continuing with our joined-up handwriting for all is our aim, focussing on ascenders and descenders.</p> | <p>We shall be encouraging the children to become more conscious of commas and how they are used to help construct complex sentences with subordinate clauses. These are aspects you can draw attention to when reading with your child.</p> |
| Maths | <p>Formal multiplication and division Fractions Tangrams Data handling</p> | <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/</p> <p>http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/</p> <p>These websites have games that the children can play and will be helpful for learning their times tables and division facts.</p> |
| Science | Electricity / circuits | <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical_processes/electrical_circuits/read/1/ This website gives information about electricity in a child friendly way.</p> |
| ICT | E-safety/Cyber bullying Blogging | |
| Geography | China | <p>(China for kids) http://kids.nationalgeographic.co.uk/kids/places/find/china/</p> |
| PE | Tag rugby Chinese Ribbon Dancing | |
| DT/ ART | Blossom trees (Ink blowing) Artistic lanterns Electrical cards/lanterns Calligraphy | |

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| PSHE/ RE | Bullying from the Primary Bullying Intervention Training Scheme Buddhism Christianity – The Christmas Story | |
| Music | Chinese folk music compositions | |
| Trips | Chinese restaurant | |

We look forward to a happy and successful term with the children.

Dates for your diary:

Christmas Dinner Thursday 10th December
Christmas Jumper Day Friday 18th December

With best wishes,

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