

Literacy:

Non-Chronological Report

This term we will have a focus on non-fiction writing. We will learn how to ask questions to prompt research; research efficiently in books and on the internet (including note taking skills); organise our information for publication; and then to write a well-structured and clear report on a particular topic. The children will choose what they want to research about China, focusing historical or geographical subjects.

The children will continue to be exposed to a wide range of fiction through guided reading.

Science: *Earth & Space and Light*

The children will be learning about the structure of our solar system and the impact that the movement of the bodies has on our lives (night and day, seasons, years, tides, eclipses etc.)

They will also be continuing to learn about light, focusing on how we see and how light can be reflected and refracted to create different effects.

History: *The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China*

The children will be learning about the early Bronze age civilization of the Shang in central China. They will learn about the development of agriculture, writing and systems of government by this dynasty as well as linking it to other early civilizations they have studied.

Music: *Theory and Performance*

We will be continuing our work on the 'Fifths 2' programme this term, a brand new scheme targeted at Year 6, which consolidates and extends theoretical understanding through practical experience of playing together as an ensemble and following an increasingly complex score. Our work will include rhythm and counter-rhythm, devised/improvised patterns, improving our fluency at reading a line of music and playing pieces in a range of genres. We will also develop our confidence and reflect on our work as we rehearse, and our term will culminate in a performance at the School Music Concert in the final week of term.

China: Ancient and Modern

P.E.: *Netball and Aerobics*

The children will be developing their teamwork and ball skills through playing netball. They will work on a range of netball skills. They will also be continuing to develop their fitness and coordination through aerobics.

PSHE: *Going for Goals*

The children will be 'daring to dream' and will be inspired by the text of the famous 'I have a dream' speech to create their own dreams for the future. From these they will develop long and short term goals to achieve their dreams.

Art: *Writing as Art*

The children will investigate the origins of the Chinese script in pictograms and think about how these have been drawn using calligraphy skills. They will then design a piece of art using calligraphy skills.

R.E.: *Gifts*

The children will be considering the meanings of gifts. They will be thinking about the gifts we are given and those we can give. They will consider how they can give gifts every day through the way they behave with others and through following the examples set in religions.

Geography: *Modern China*

The children will be learning about the physical and human geography of China today. They will learn about a range of urban and rural areas and the issues that they face as well as comparing and contrasting China to the UK.

D.T.: *Chinese Food*

We will learn about the different foods associated with Chinese New Year, before designing and making our own New Year Feast during the last week of term.

Computing: *How the internet works*

Children will be learning about the science behind the internet and how it allows us to communicate around the world. They will find out what really happens when you type something into Google and press Go!