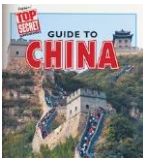


Happy New Year and welcome back, or as they say in China, 新年快樂! We are very excited to begin our Adventures in China topic this half term. Thank you for your well wishes over the Christmas period; they were greatly appreciated.

We have an action packed half term ahead. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support with your children's learning. The children are doing really well with learning the words from our Year Three word list and are regularly applying them into their writing. We are now learning the 8 times table. We will then be practicing and applying the 3, 4 and 8 times table throughout the rest of the year.

Our Learning Theme		Important Dates:	
		9 th January – Young Voices concert (Choir) 25 th January – Chinese New Year 28 th February – Adventures in China assembly	
Homework		Learning Log	PE Days
Learn by Heart spelling and maths targets will continue to be sent every 2 weeks. In addition, we expect children to be accessing Times Tables Rock Stars from home to support their learning of their times tables and division facts.		Learning Logs were issued before half term. The children can pursue any area of interest regarding our topic. These are to be returned to school on Monday 10 th February.	Tuesday – Indoor – Yoga Wednesday – Outdoor – Netball Please ensure your child attends school on these days in full PE kit according to the school dress code.
Curriculum			
English	Maths	Science	
This half term we will be looking at poetry and will write our own poems with a focus on Chinese New Year. We will then research key aspects about Chinese culture and history and present our findings in a non-fiction format.	The children will continue their work on calculating multiplication and division questions using both mental and written methods. We will then start to explore money and statistics and solve problems involving these concepts.	This half term we are studying light. We will start by looking at where light comes from, exploring reflection, before studying what is a shadow and how we can change the size and shape of them. We will present our new knowledge by making our own shadow puppets.	
Humanities	Art/DT	Computing	
In history we will study a brief history of China, examining the impact that this has had on modern day culture. In our geography lessons we will look at famous landmarks in China, comparing China and England to compare the geographical features of the two countries.	We will use a number of brush techniques using thick and thin brushes to produce shapes, textures, patterns and lines to create Chinese inspired art. The children will learn to mix colours effectively and experiment creating mood with colour.	This half term we will be continuing our work regarding basic coding and programming. We will then move onto applying our word processing skills to communicate via email. We will also discuss e-safety issues regarding online communication.	
Other:		Year Three Team	
PSHE: We will be looking at what makes us unique and celebrating the things that make us different. We will then look at relationships RE: The children will read different creation stories. They will compare and contrast them to understand the views of others and discuss the moral dilemmas in some of the stories. Music: The children will continue to learn the ukulele on a Friday afternoon with Mr Johnstone. They will learn basic chords and how to read basic musical notation.		Mr D Breeze - 3B - Class Teacher Mrs H Noble - 3N - Class Teacher Mrs Morrison, Mrs Willoughby, Mrs Mowbray, Miss Bibi – Teaching assistants Mrs Wilson, Mrs Morgan and Miss Brett – HLTA's	