



Year 3 Spring 1 Newsletter



Dear Year Three parents and carers,

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. During this half term we will be learning how to use a map and will be exploring elements of Chinese culture and history. We will embrace Chinese traditions in our indoor PE lessons, where we will be teaching Tai-chi on Thursday afternoons. Outdoor PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon and will be focussing on football. Additionally in our science lessons we will be learning about light and retelling Chinese stories using shadow puppets. In English we will be reading and writing our own Chinese poems and non-fiction texts about China, and we will be learning about multiplication, division and measurement in maths.

This half term we are lucky to be working with our artist in residence Sharon Snaylam on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. The children will be designing and creating their own Chinese lanterns to be showcased at a Year 3 lantern parade on Wednesday 13th February at Hirst Wood Nature Reserve. We would like to invite parent and carers to see our exhibition at 4.30pm that evening.

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Friday 15th February and would like to invite all parents and carers to celebrate the end of our topic with us by watching our China assembly at 9.10am. If your child could come to school on that day dressed in red and yellow, the colours of the Chinese flag, we would be most grateful. If your child has a Chinese costume, they are more than welcome to wear it! On this day we will be taking part in traditional Chinese New Year activities and games and trying some Chinese food.

In our RE lessons we will be exploring Buddhism and creation stories. As part of this learning we are hoping to visit Buddha Land in Keighley. Further details about this trip will follow.

Thank you for your continued support with the children's Learn by Heart targets and half termly learning log projects. Any practise and encouragement with reading at home would also be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.



Kind regards,
Miss Fletcher and Mr Breeze