

During the Autumn term, our topic is **Ancient civilisations!**

This project teaches children ancient China and Chinese dynasties. It explores the lasting legacy ancient Chinese people have on our society today. After half term we will journey towards South America and immerse ourselves in the culture of the Mayans.

HOME LEARNING:

Here are some ideas for Home learning **projects linked to our topic** Ancient civilisations:

- Find out about Chinese or Mayan inventions and create a poster explaining the invention and how it is used today.
- Research the Great Wall of China. You can write a report or build a model of part of the wall.
- Complete a country research about one of the countries that cover the Mayan civilisation.
- Teach yourself Chinese with Chineasy and write down key words and phrases.

We will be sharing our learning with the rest of the school in December.

Reading – daily 15 minutes, please record this in their reading record/home contact book.

Spellings – weekly, tested and send out on Fridays

Maths – termly (KIRFs) and TTRockstars

MATHS:

We will start with a quick review of year 3 learning about column addition and subtractions before exploring numbers up to 10,000. We will learn how to calculate the perimeter of shapes and our multiplication focus will be the 3, 6 and 9 times tables and the patterns within them. Our Key Instant Recall Facts to learn will be send home at the end of the first week. Our weekly fact will be send home each Friday.

OTHER SUBJECTS:

Science – The digestive system and Electricity
Art – Tints, tones and shades and Toatie patterns
D&T – mechanisms
RE – What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?
Computing – The Internet and Micro:bits
PSHE – All about Me and Celebrating differences.
PE – Football, invasion games and gymnastics

ENGLISH:

At the start of the year we will focus on handwriting. Most children will start to join up, but legibility is most important. We will write our own version of the poem The Sound Collector and a diary entry as if we are Mulan.

After half-term, we are learning how to write biographies and a story featuring a magic paint brush. We will be reading the brilliant Julius Zebra, Commotion in Ancient China.

IMPORTANT DATES:

17 October – class assembly
10 November – flu vaccinations

Any other upcoming events and important dates will be posted on class dojo.