

# CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY

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Before children in China begin school, their parents prepare their school equipment, called the four treasures.

Four treasures for study:

- Stone ink
- Paper
- Ink stone
- Brush

To make Chinese ink you have to pour clear water in to the ink stone and rub against the ink stick. Keep rubbing until the water turns dark black. The brush has to have a sharp tip to have clear calligraphy writing.

To start learning children must have a graphic text book to copy from. This type of writing takes years to master.

The Chinese ink is permanent on clothes but it'll come off your hands after one or two days.

Some children and adults have commented on their time doing Calligraphy.

Nashita said:

“It was fun. I enjoyed the writing because I learnt new things.”

Ayaan said:

“I enjoyed learning new Chinese characters.”