

# Year 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to back to Year 1 and Happy New Year! We are very excited about our new topic on China and Celebrations. We are really looking forward to swimming this term on Wednesday mornings, please make sure named swimming kits are in on a Wednesday. We have some exciting events happening this term so please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter!

The Year 1 team.



## English

In English we will be learning about traditional tales. We will be writing 'Wanted' posters for The Big Bad Wolf and learning to use traditional tale language.

We are excited to be welcoming David Heathfield to school who is a storyteller. He will be doing some workshops with the children on traditional Chinese stories to link in with our China topic.

## PE



In PE we will be developing personal skills through games and songs. We have British high jumper Rob Mitchell coming in to school to do an assembly and sponsored circuit with the children. We will also be offering a tennis and gym taster session to the children later in the term.

## Art and Design

This term we will look at designing our own Chinese lanterns. We will be picking the right materials to make our lanterns and will be testing them out. We will think about a person, animal or object that protects us. We will then attempt to create our own Terracotta Army of objects that keep us safe.



## Humanities

In Humanities we will compare how we live in England to how people live in China. We will compare houses, weather and even try out some food! We will also examine the weather over a week and look at any patterns that occur. We hope to create our own weather reports - so watch out for these on the website!

## Computing

In computing we will be looking at making and using algorithms. We will also look at predicting patterns in programmes. We will look at Chinese numbers and try and predict patterns.



## SCIENCE

In science we will be looking at the wonderful world of animals. We will be grouping and comparing them as well as looking at carnivores, omnivores and herbivores.



## Maths

In Maths this term we will look at finding and making number bonds to 10. We will then look at using what we know about bonds to 10 to help us answer number problems. We will make numbers within 20, by first making 10. We will then begin to count in multiples of 2,5 and 10. Finally, we will examine measurement through height and weight. We will create our own Great Walls of China and will look at ordering our walls from the shortest to the longest by measuring them.

## Handwriting and Spelling

This term we will be continuing to work through the weekly spellings. Please encourage your child to practise these at home in your child's reading record. Perhaps put them into a sentence. We practise handwriting everyday in school,. Please encourage your child to form their letters correctly when writing at home.