

CONQUERING CHINA
YEAR 6
SUMMER TERM 2022



SPARKLING STARTER - DISCOVERING CHINA

For our sparkling starter, we will be using atlases to discover where China is located, how large it is and what surrounds it before moving on to looking at Ancient China and Chinese traditions.



Fabulous Finish - we will be using a range of materials to recreate the Great Wall of China as a year group.

ENGLISH

Class Text

In our shared reading lessons, we will be reading *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Phillip Pullman. We will use our understanding of the text to answer a variety of questions.

We will also be looking at a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry as we continue to prepare for the SATs in May. In addition to this, we will be using a range of non-fiction texts to help us produce wonderful pieces of writing in our English lessons.

How can you help?

Talk to your child about what they are reading and encourage them to read a range of texts. What do they like or dislike about it? What are the themes of each chapter? Which character do they like best and why? Ask your child to retrieve key information such as names, dates, places and events from a text.

Look through the grammar and reading homework that is set with your child, you could use BBC Bitesize to help address misconceptions.

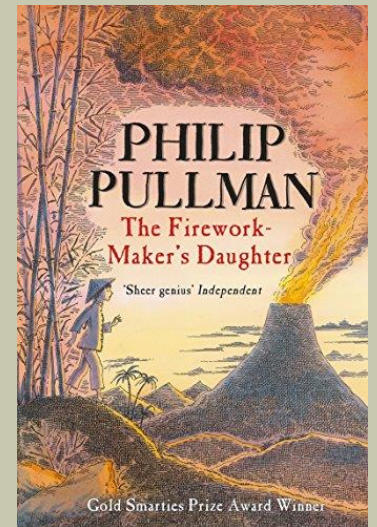
We will be writing:

- Character descriptions
- Instruction texts
- Explanation texts
- Limericks
- Our own ancient myths and legends
- Recounts of our time at Merrylands Primary School

Assessment

The children will be sitting their end of key stage 2 SATs tests in May.

We will also assess the children's understanding through teacher assessment.



MATHS

Overview

In Summer 1, the children will be recapping topics previously covered and practising test technique to prepare for SATs. Later on in the summer term, we will be completing mathematical investigations exploring our skills and understanding across a range of topics.

How do we plan?

We use the NCETM and White Rose Maths Scheme of Learning alongside other materials for our maths learning.

Topics

Arithmetic is taught on a daily basis in our maths starters.

The subjects below will be taught in blocks over the whole summer term.

- Statistics
- Ratio and algebra
- Properties of shape
- Fractions, decimals and percentages

How can you help?

Encourage your child to go over their knowledge of times tables and division facts. You can use BBC Bitesize to help you at home if they have gaps in their knowledge.

You could access the following websites:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

www.myminimaths.co.uk

<http://mathszone.co.uk/category/measuring/>



SCIENCE

In Science, we will be learning more about animals and humans, as well as learning about light and electricity. We will be identifying the main parts of the human circulatory system and be able to recognise the impact of diet and lifestyle on the way bodies function.

To deepen our understanding of electricity and light, we will be investigating the relationship between the brightness of a lamp and the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit.

We will be using the appropriate scientific symbols to represent circuits we have constructed. We will look at how light travels to understand how things are seen and why shadows have the same shape as the object that cast them.

We will use our scientific enquiry skills to:
Plan and conduct a range of investigations involving light and electricity. We will be recording these results using tables, charts and graphs.

COMPUTING

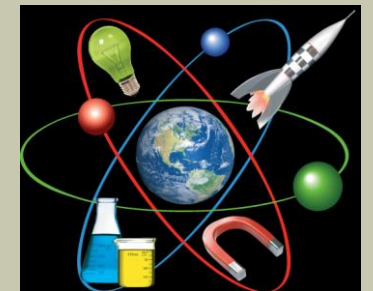
In Computing, the children will be using Purple Mash to explore text adventures and creating their own quizzes.

We will also use a range of Microsoft tools to create a travel brochure for the Isle of Wight.

How can you help?

www.bbc.com/bitesize/topic

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GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

ART

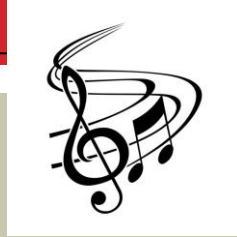
This is a brand new topic to the school where we will be exploring the history of Ancient China. This topic will dive in to the Shang Dynasties and open the children's minds to Chinese culture. We will also be using our geography skills to locate China and what is around it.

During the summer term, we will be looking at the patterns and intricate details created on traditional Chinese pottery. In Summer 2, we will be looking at 'The Birds in Four Seasons' and using a range of our art skills to create our own versions.



MUSIC

We will be preparing for our end of year performance, choosing appropriate music and learning how to perform it.



RE



In RE, we will be learning about the beliefs & moral values within Islam.

PE

In PE, we will be developing our skills in athletics, rounders and outdoor adventurous activities.



In PSHE, we will be learning about managing money and change as well as looking at SRE.

French

In French, we will be introducing vocabulary for extended family members and rehearse sentences appropriate for our family dynamics.



GENERAL INFORMATION

PE Days

Our PE days are normally on a Tuesday and Wednesday. However, this is subject to timetable changes and the children will be informed if this is the case.

Homework

In Year 6, homework is uploaded weekly on a Friday and it is due to be submitted the following Wednesday.

Homework consists of: spelling practise as well as **grammar, maths and reading comprehension** that support the children with answering test-style questions in addition to revisiting the English and Maths skills we have covered this year.

Please ask your child to seek help from a member of staff if they are having difficulty with their homework.

Diary Dates

Friday 22nd April

Friday 29th April

W/B 09.05.22

W/B 16.05.22

Tuesday 7th June

W/B 13.06.22

Thursday 30th June

Friday 8th July

Friday 8th July

W/B 11.07.22

Thursday 21st July

St George's Day

Unicef Whole School Dance

SATs week

Aspiration and Careers wWeek

Jubilee celebrations

Enterprise week

KS2 Sports Day

Reports sent home

Class swap day

Isle of Wight

Year 6 leaver's assembly and party