

# Year 6

## Spring Term 1

What can we learn from distant cultures and their stories?



Why?

China is a diverse country with a rich and interesting history. We will alternate between history and geography sessions, the former looking specifically at the fascinating Shang Dynasty. We will explore geographical aspects of China including its different types of regions and cities, as well as natural features such as rivers, lakes and mountains. This unit ties in perfectly with Chinese New Year which we will celebrate at the beginning of February.

### English

To start the term, we will be reading the book 'Where The Mountain Meets The Moon'. The story beautifully weaves together a collection of Chinese folktales around the central characters journey to bring fortune to her village. Alongside this, we will collaborate in groups to research different elements of Chinese culture, writing and sharing a range of Non-chronological Reports. We will then write our own folktale, applying what we have learnt along the way.

### Mathematics

We will begin the term with a unit on number which will involve composing and decomposing numbers, factors, multiples, rounding and tests of divisibility. Following this, we will return to fractions, a unit which will include some work on ratio and proportion, in addition to units of time. Later, we will study the coordinates grid and we will finish off the half-term with a unit on calculation. This will involve working with all four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – as well as negative numbers and using letters to represent quantities.

### Science

This term will be split into two sections of study. In the first part, we will be learning about forces, including gravity; thinking about the difference between mass and weight.

Secondly, we look at the differences between reversible and Irreversible changes with lots of hands-on Investigation and observation.

### Spanish

We will talk about subjects, why we like them (or not), and will describe our school; as for grammar, we will discover the indefinite article and the present simple tense for regular verbs (-er and -ir).

### Art

We will explore the themes and styles of traditional Chinese Art and various artmaking processes.

### Music

This term we will explore the world music and will focus on Chinese music. We will learn about the Chinese instruments and modes.

### ICT

Year 6 will consider 'stop-motion' and how to create short videos based upon our Chinese folk-tales.

### German

We will learn about German carnival and celebrate it with singing funny german songs. We will learn about school and hobbies and free time. We will learn how to conjugate the verbs spielen, haben and lernen.

### PSHE

Students consider their futures and job prospects, as well as undertaking community service later in the term.

### SLOVAK / SAL

In this term we will be deepening our knowledge of nouns. We will practise correct spelling by matching nouns to inflectional patterns. In literature lessons we will learn what an author's and a modern fairy tale is. We will reinforce our perception of temporal sequence in texts as part of our communication, which we will later use to create our own narratives. We will use creative writing methods to create a narrative with elements of description.

### Physical Education

Basketball skill development and rule introduction, gymnastics for flexibility and coordination, football for fundamental techniques and teamwork principles. A holistic approach fostering skill acquisition and teamwork across diverse athletic disciplines.

### Topic

Our unit on China this term will encompass both history and geography, giving students a wonderful insight into this fascinating country. We will explore China's Shang Dynasty in detail, looking aspects at topics such as what life was like in this time, gods and kings, burials, and even writing and calendars. Our geography lessons will involve an examination of both the human and physical geography of China.



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