

## Key Stage 1 Spring Term Overview 2017-18



# CHINA



Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year!

Our topic this term is on China and we have a term packed full of fun experiences planned to deliver the children's learning on this fascinating and important country.

### School Uniforms

It is lovely seeing all the children looking smart in their full school uniforms and plain black shoes. Please ensure that **everything is named** so we can reunite children and missing items easily. Anything lost and unnamed goes into the Lost Property Box in the Hall.

### PE Kits

Please make sure these are in school all week (Monday to Friday!)

### Coats and Wellies

Please ensure sure children come to school with a suitable coat every day. Children with wellies in school will be allowed to continue using the field at play and lunchtimes!

### Staying Healthy

Being well hydrated is important for learning. Please ensure your child has a named water in school at all times. Alverton has a 'healthy tuck' policy for infants and fruit is provided at playtimes. Please don't send children into school with sweets, crisps, chocolate etc. for tuck!

### Learning in Key Stage 1

We believe learning as an infant should be an imaginative, creative and immersive experience. Our aim is to create children who are passionate, resilient and increasingly independent learners who can reflect on and take pride in their achievements.

### Supporting at Home

Research shows that developing a love of reading is absolutely key to success in education (as well as life in general). **We expect children to read at home every day with an adult.** It really is the most important way you can help support your child's education. In addition to reading, spelling homework - linked to learning in Phonics - will continue to be sent home half-termly and should be practised daily. Maths skills can be honed on Reflex Maths and topic related homework can be selected from the grid provided termly.

### Working Together

If you would like to meet your class teacher to discuss how best to support your child (or for any other reason!) then please do not hesitate to arrange an appointment. After school is normally best as we will have more time to talk then.

### Exhibition of Learning

All our learning about China will be showcased in an 'exhibition' towards the end of the Spring Term. More details will be sent home in due course so watch this space!



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### English

In our literacy lessons we will be learning the story of the Magic Brush and writing our own stories based upon it. We will also be writing dragon-inspired poetry!



### PSHE

We will learn how Chinese New Year is celebrated in February and about its importance in Chinese culture.

**2018 Year of the Dog**  
**Friday 16th February**



### Mathematics

In maths this term we will continue to develop our understanding of number, place value, calculation strategies, money, measures and shape. We will use and apply this knowledge in reasoning and problem solving scenarios. We will also be experimenting with some 'Shanghai Maths'!

### Geography

We will learn about the physical and human geography of China, compare features with home and and make 2D and 3D maps of the country.



### RE

We will learn about Buddhism and make our own Buddhist symbols and prayer flags.



### History

We will learn about the Chinese Emperor Qin Shi Huang, the construction of the Great Wall of China and the Terracotta Army. We will make our own artefacts to add to the Emperor's tomb!

### Art & Design

We will be painting using Chinese art for inspirations. We will also be making willow pattern inspired pottery!

### Design

#### Technology

We will make, try and evaluate our own healthy Chinese dishes!



### PE

In PE we will learn about Chinese dragon dancing and try some Tai Chi and Kung Fu.



### Science

Our Science learning and experiments will be on materials with a Chinese theme!



### Music

We will learn a song about the Chinese New Year and explore the pentatonic scale composing our own Chinese music.



### Computing

We will be learning how to keep ourselves safe online.