

6R's/PSHE: The children will continue to develop their 'relationships, resourcefulness, resilience, remembering skills, readiness and reflectiveness' through our work this term.

6R'S

P.E: Our topics for PE include Hockey and Athletics. In the first half term the children will be taught for one lesson a week by the MSR coach.



R.E: Following the Liverpool Diocesan 'Come and See' Programme. Topics include: Journeys, Listening and Sharing and Giving All. We will also be introducing our 'other faith' of Hinduism.



Science Topics:

Our science topics will include:

- Materials and their uses
- Habitats and Adaptations.

Literacy: Throughout this term we will be reading, exploring and discussing 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. There will be an added emphasis on comprehension this term, as the children will be exploring characters in depth through justifying their own opinions with reference to the text. Children will be focusing on writing a play based on the novel and constructing a diary entry from the viewpoint of the main character.

Big Write: Children will continue to receive a Big Write stimulus on a weekly basis. The stimulus may relate to our China topic or work we are completing in class. Please continue to support your child's writing by having short conversations regarding the stimulus at home.

Spelling: This term we are starting 'Support for Spelling'. Children will have 2 or 3 sessions on a weekly basis.



Music: We will be looking at both modern and traditional Chinese music as well as researching Chinese instruments. The children will compose their own music to retell an ancient Chinese story.



CHINA



Maths: The topics being covered this term include: Solving money, measurement and number problems; identifying and drawing right angles; recording and interpreting data from a range of sources; knowing and estimating using appropriate measurements (km, m, cm, kg, g); estimating and reading time with increased accuracy and using written and mental methods to record, support and explain addition and subtraction up to 3 digits.

P4C: The children will also participate in weekly Philosophy for children (P4C) sessions.

Cross Curricular Topic

This term we will be exploring China!



History:

We will be looking closely at the Shang Dynasty. It was the second Dynasty of ancient China and helped to develop later Chinese civilisation.

Geography:

China is the fourth largest country in the world and has a hugely varied landscape and geography. We will be exploring this through researching different regions, cities and human/physical characteristics.

Art/DT:

In Art and DT, the children will be given the opportunity to plan, draft and make various items relating to China. These include; a salt dough dragon, a clay Terracotta soldier and a 'Ming' plate. Children will also be given the opportunity to learn Chinese Calligraphy and to sketch out various traditional pieces of Chinese art and well-known Chinese animals.



ICT: In ICT the children will be producing information leaflets to promote travel to China. These will focus upon traditional landmarks such as The Great Wall of China, The Terracotta Army and The Forbidden City. We will also be having a visit from The Computer Bus in the second half term.

Miss Robertson, Mrs Buttimore, Mrs Quinn and Mr Shepherd are the teachers for Year 3 and 4. Mrs Hotchkiss and Mrs Edwards are the PPA teachers. Homework will include reading, Big Write and learning logs.

