

## **Year 4 Welcome to Spring 1!**

**This term our main Exploration is ‘Known, Now and Next...’ We will be looking into the past, present and future. You will be learning all about the Human and Physical Geography of China, States of Matter in Science, multiplications and measurement in Maths and in English, we will be writing a narrative and poems. Therefore, at home we would like for you to consolidate your learning through the home learning tasks below.**

**All pupils must complete the tasks by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**

**All pupils are expected to do the following weekly set task alongside:**

- ✓ **Daily reading—The expectation is that your child will read daily for a minimum of 20 minutes at home.**
- ✓ **Weekly maths – Assigned on Numbots/Times Tables Rock Stars**
- ✓ **Weekly Spellings – See below**

**Education must develop every child’s personality, talents, and abilities to the full. We can’t wait to see what you do and look forward to seeing your wonderful home learning.**

**Yours Sincerely,**

**Year 4 Team**

**Exploration of Known, Now and Next**

Facts children need to know and learn.

**China**

- The Chinese New Year is a festival for 1/4 of the world's population
- The holiday is also called "Spring Festival"
- The Chinese New Year date changes each year
- Every Chinese New Year starts a new animal's zodiac year
- On Chinese New Year's Eve, people eat auspicious foods
- China has a population of more than 1.4 billion people
- Beijing is China's capital city
- The languages are Mandarin (official language), Cantonese, Shanghainese amongst others.
- The main religion is Buddhism

**Pictures and information**



Map of China – China borders 14 countries. China is the fourth largest country in the world.



The longest river in China is the Yangtze River. This is also the largest river in Asia.



The great wall of China – It is 8850km long. It was the border of the old Chinese Empire and it stretches from China to the Korean border. It is the longest wall in the world.

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The terracotta warrior – There are over 5000 sculptures of life-sized soldiers made from terracotta. They are older than 2000 years.




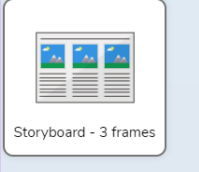



Chinese New Year is also called the Lunar new year is the biggest celebration on the Chinese calendar. There are 12 Zodiac animals



The animals in The Great Race in traditional Chinese tale.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zd9nd6f>

Key Vocabulary and definitions			
Insert word	Definition	Insert word	
Zodiac  zodiac	Twelve well-known groups of stars, called constellations, lie in the zodiac. Most of the constellations represent animals.	Culture  culture	Culture is a word for the 'way of life' of groups of people, meaning the way they do things. A culture is passed on to the next generation by learning
Celebration  celebration	A social gathering or enjoyable activity held to celebrate something.	Asia  asia	Asia is the largest and most populated continent
New Year  new year	The calendar year just begun or about to begin.	Population  population	The whole number of people living in a country, city, or area.

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Home Learning Tasks		
<p><b>Week 1:</b></p> <p>Research facts about China and learn how to say: hello, goodbye, Happy New Year and count to 5 in Mandarin.</p> <p>You should record your favourite facts about China and then voice record your Chinese using the record button on OneNote.</p> <p>Go onto Purple Mash to record our facts – The following fact-file has been assigned.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>China Fact File</p> </div>	<p><b>Week 2:</b></p> <p>Research how and when Chinese New Year is celebrated in China. Find out when it will be celebrated in 2022. Look into the distinctive characteristics of the animals in the Chinese New Year Zodiac Story.</p> <p>Research your Chinese birth year. E.g., Miss Spencer-Pell is born in the year of the Snake. Miss Bhalla is born in the year of the Monkey. Miss Amiri and Miss Buckley are born in the year of the Dog.</p> <p>Create a Story Map on Purple Mash of the Chinese Zodiac story: The Great Race.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Storyboard - 3 frames</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjkc92p/articles/zphcydm">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjkc92p/articles/zphcydm</a></p>	<p><b>Week 3</b></p> <p>Using your storyboard from last week, rewrite the story of how the animals got their order in the Chinese calendar and the characteristics of the animals.</p> <p>You can decide how to present your work e.g., recording a video on uploading it onto a stream, recording a podcast, making a book, making a comic strip, and newspaper report (you will be able to find templates on Purple Mash for the comic strip and newspaper report).</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p><b>Week 4</b></p> <p>Next week, you will be creating your own version of the Chinese Zodiac story: The Great Race. This week, your task is to plan your ideas and the resources you will need. You should record your ideas on your OneNote page and spend some time gathering the resources you need.</p> <p>Here are some ideas: Create your story by either embroidering it on cloth, drawing/painting it or making it using recycling materials or use Scratch to make short animations.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	<p><b>Week 5:</b></p> <p>You will now need to create your version of the Chinese Zodiac story through your chosen method. Use your plan and resources from last week to help you.</p>	<p><b>Week 6 –</b></p> <p>You will finish and present your project. Create a 5-minute presentation by recording and uploading it onto Stream, using the voice recorder on OneNote or presenting it on a OneNote page. Please copy the link into your OneNote page if you use Stream.</p> <p><b>Do not forget to include pictures of your finished project.</b></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

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**Spellings**

**Every week you will have a spelling test. Please learn the spellings.**

	<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Week 6</b>
<b>Group 1</b>	missed Fussed rushed bigger stronger sits jumps hurts	hopping jumping skipping rushes misses wishes	Dislike Disagree Disappear Disobey Unable Undo Unfair	Eight weigh Vein beige Straight They obey	Grate Great Eight Ate Weight Wait	Son Sun Break Brake Their They're there
<b>Group 2</b>	guide guitar guard guidebook guest guardian guarantee guess	mixture adventure capture feature moisture nature picture vulture	guarantee guardian adventure enclosure pressure parachute responsible Irresistible	scene seen male mail ball bawl hear here	peace piece their They're there slay sleigh patient	quicker quickest quickly helping helper polite mature accurate
<b>Group 3</b>	Dynasty Oracle Emperor Invade Fantastical Fiend Ancestral	ought borough wrought furlough hiccough doughnut thoroughly rebought nought	Anchor Architect Chaos Echo Debt Doubt Numb Conscience Fascinate	Knack Knuckle Awry Wrack Wrath Feign Gnarl Gnaw	Likeable Pleasurable Capable Preferable Illegible Responsible Suggestible susceptible	Affect Effect Herd Heard Past passed Isle Aisle Aloud allowed