



Year 4, Welcome to Spring 1!

This term we will be focusing home learning on ‘China’. This will help consolidate the learning taking place in school.

All pupils must complete the tasks by Friday 9th February 2024.

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. Please evidence books read on the reading log app.**
- **Weekly Maths – Assigned on Times Tables Rock Stars & MyMaths**
- **Weekly Spellings – See below**

Education must develop every child’s personality, talents and abilities to the full (RRS UNCRC Article 28 & 29). We can’t wait to see what you do and look forward to seeing your wonderful home learning.

Yours sincerely,

Year 4 Team

Focus: China

Facts children need to know and learn:

- The Chinese New Year is a festival for $\frac{1}{4}$ of the world's population and can also be called the "Spring Festival"
- The Chinese New Year date changes each year and starts a new animal's zodiac year
- 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



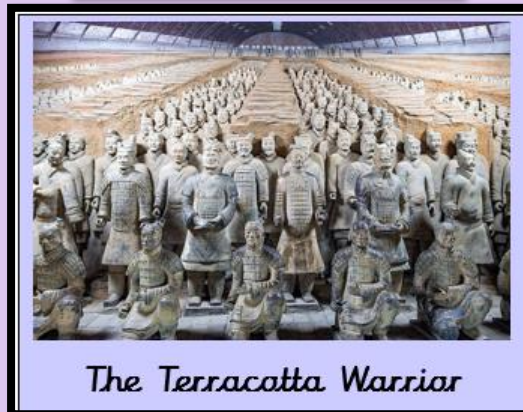
China



Great Wall of China



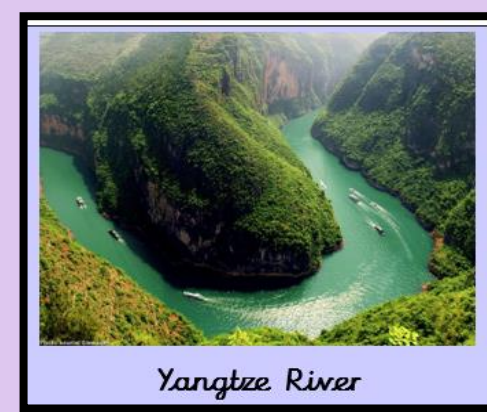
Animals in the Great race



The Terracotta Warrior



Chinese New Year



Yangtze River

Key Vocabulary and definitions

<p>Zodiac</p>	<p>Twelve well-known groups of stars, called constellations, lie in the zodiac. Most of the constellations represent animals.</p>	<p>Culture</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Celebration</p>	<p>A social gathering or enjoyable activity held to celebrate something.</p>	<p>Asia</p>	<p>Asia is the largest and most populated continent.</p>
<p>New Year</p>	<p>The calendar year just begun or about to begin.</p>	<p>Population</p>	<p>The whole number of people living in a country, city, or area.</p>
<p>Dynasty</p>	<p>A succession of rulers who come from the same family.</p>	<p>Oracle Bones</p>	<p>Animal bones used in ceremonies in Ancient China.</p>
<p>China</p>	<p>A country within Asia.</p>	<p>Bronze Age</p>	<p>A historic period of time, lasting approximately from 3300 BC to 1200 BC.</p>

Home Learning Tasks

Week 1: Research & facts

RRS: Article 30 – I have the right to speak my own language and to follow my family’s way of life

Research facts about China and learn how to say ‘hello’, ‘goodbye’, and ‘count to 5’ in Mandarin. In school, we would also like you to share your own home language by sharing greetings in a morning class activity.

You should record your favourite facts about China and then record your Chinese, using the record button on OneNote. You may also choose to type your facts onto OneNote

Website Links:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/30-cool-facts-about-china/>

<https://www.newconceptmandarin.com/learn-chinese-blog/speak-basic-mandarin-chinese-day/>

You could also record yourself saying some key words in your own language. Record how you say, ‘Hello, Goodbye, Thank you, How are you? Counting to 10.’

Week 2: Storyboard

RRS: Article 14 – I have the right to have my own thoughts and beliefs and to choose my religion, with my parents’ guidance

Research how and when Chinese New Year is celebrated in China. Find out how it is celebrated differently now. Look into the distinctive characteristics of the animals.

Research your Chinese birth year.

E.g. Miss Richards is born in the Year of the Dog.

Using Art, create a storyboard on OneNote of the Chinese Zodiac story – The Great Race. In your OneNote there will be a saved template box for you to use.

Website Links:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjkc92p/articles/zphcydm>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zd9nd6f>

Week 3: Story writing

RRS: Article 13 & 17 – I have the right to get information in lots of different ways, so long as it’s safe

Using your storyboard from last week, rewrite the story of how the animals got their order in the Chinese calendar using only art to tell the story

You can decide how to present your work.

You can use the website links below to support you to gather your information in a safe way!

You can either bring in your work or save a photo of it into your OneNote for your teacher.

Website Links:

https://www.ducksters.com/history/china/chinese_calendar.php

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zd9nd6f>



Week 4: Planning & Making

RRS: Article 29 – I have the right to develop my talents to the full
RRS: Article 13 – I have the right to find out and share information

You will be presenting your own version of the Great Race next week so this week you will need to plan and make!

Here are some ideas on how you could create it: (remember to note this in your plan)

- embroider it on cloth
- draw or paint it
- use recycling materials
- use Scratch to make short animations
- use a cardboard shoebox to set up the scene



Plan it using OneNote to bullet point your ideas and add in useful images.

Useful Website Links:

<https://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/chinese-zodiac/story.htm>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zd9nd6f>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVClAj8q_IY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80jQkCpXbTY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4WlzNrpUCs>

Week 5: Presenting

RRS: Article 12 – I have the right to be listened to, and taken seriously

You will finish and present your project.

Rehearse your project at home and be ready to present to the class this week.

Please also think about the different ways that you can be a good audience when listening to others and bullet point three ideas.

Remember to bring in your finished project or have it ready saved on OneNote!



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

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Group 1	donkeys worth towards hall watch come	spy spies try fry fries why	table steeple crumple candle beautiful fast	fossil April pencil grass bath eye	spied happier funnier frying happiest hour
Group 2	redo replace dislike disagree misbehave reappear refresh unclean untruthful	superstar supercar supermarket superman superwoman supernatural strength sentence straight strange	antifreeze antisocial antiseptic anticlockwise subheading submarine subtitle subdivide continue surprise	autograph automobile automatic supervise supercharge superlative surface surname superficial autobiography	happily angrily easily sensibly fussily merrily greedily actually accidently occasionally
Group 3	haven't couldn't forgotten gardening decision action expression permission attention mathematician	babies thieves boxes flies catches cacti wolves potatoes libraries circles	ladies' girls' children's pupils' women's boys' babies' Tom's James's often	famous jealous enormous poisonous dangerous tremendous mountainous special woman notice	serious obvious curious previous hideous various courteous spontaneous courageous outrageous