

Asia Class Newsletter

January 2026



Dear families,

Welcome to the New Year and we look forward to a wonderful Spring Term in Asia Class.

Journey of Discovery

This term in Asia Class we are learning about China through our Journey of Discovery entitled 'Dragons and Dynasties'. This will include celebrating Chinese New Year, finding out about famous landmarks, exploring why people want to visit China and studying The Shang Dynasty. The children will also be learning a little bit of Mandarin and learning how to write some of the Chinese alphabet. We will also create dragon eyes out of clay and explore the work and style of Chinese artist Qi Baishi.

English

We have begun our new unit of writing using 'The Magic Paintbrush', based on an ancient Chinese folk tale. Our aim is to write our own stories at the end of this unit, demonstrating all that we have learnt.

We are also continuing with our handwriting – we are very impressed by the handwriting produce in these sessions which is now in pen! – and spelling lessons. Our daily book talk sessions are also continuing, enabling us to explore new texts, develop our vocabularies, deepen our understanding and practise our reading skills.

Maths

This term we are heavily focused on multiplication and division. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables. Log in details for Times Tables Rock Stars should be stuck to your child's reading record; if not, and you need a copy of the log in, please don't hesitate to ask. We are building on our

knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, becoming more confident with the 3 times table and have just broached the 4 and 8 times tables. We are working towards being confident in all these times tables, and their related division facts, by the end of Year 3. Regular practise of these at home will support your child's learning and retention of these facts and would be much appreciated.

In addition to multiplication and division, we will also be learning about length and perimeter, fractions and mass.

Science

In science we will be learning about plants, including studying the functions of parts of plants, what plants need to grow and the role of flowers in the life cycle of flowering plants. We will also be finding out about rocks and soils.

PE

This term we have PE on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that your child comes into school in the correct PE kit, with shoulder length or longer hair tied back and earrings removed. If earrings can't be removed please send in medical tape so that your child can tape over their earrings.

As a reminder, PE kit should consist of:

- Black shorts/ jogging bottoms/ sports leggings
- Plain white T-shirt or Risby green PE T-shirt
- Plain round neck sweatshirt (no hoodies, zips, images or logos)
- Trainers

As always, please don't hesitate to speak to one of us if you have any questions, comments or concerns. Please feel free to catch us quickly at the beginning of the day or at the end of the day, at collection time, and we can either meet then or arrange a convenient time. And thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Noble, Miss Wyatt, Miss Briggs, Mrs Howe, Mrs Gordon and Mrs Wooldridge
Year 3 Teaching Team

Key dates:

Tuesday 10th February: Parent consultations with Miss Wyatt

Thursday 12th February: Parent consultations with Mrs Noble

Thursday 12th February: RE Day

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February: Half term break

Friday 27th February: Shang Dynasty enrichment day

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day (more details to follow)

Wednesday 25th March: Easter service at St. Giles church, 9:15

Friday 27th March: Last day of Spring Term

Monday 13th April: First day of Summer Term