



Asia Class Newsletter

Dear Families,

WOW - How fast is this school year going?! We have had the most amazing adventures around Asia. We have explored India and China and been on a Shang Dynasty adventure too. Our last stop looks just as good. We will be visiting the Megacities of Asia – journeying our way around the different sights, experiences and cultures that each city has to offer.

English

The children will be learning one more fiction text and tackling another non-fiction text too. We may even squeeze a bit of poetry in there too as the children really enjoyed writing traditional tales last term. Our fiction unit sees us explore dialogue and characterization through the book 'The Secret Black Rock'. The children will be able to create their own character and their own sea adventure beyond the Black Rock. We are already looking forward to seeing where their imagination takes them. For our Non-Fiction unit we will be writing travel guides about key Asian places and look forward to exploring these more after half term. We will also be continuing with daily spellings to help us learn the rules and patterns and daily handwriting too. We are working hard to form our joined up letters. As for reading, the children will read regularly with a member of the teaching team plus explore a variety of texts using our reading skills to help us dig a little deeper into the words, meanings and context.

Maths

We will continue to power through our Power Math books with fractions, shape and capacity to name a few upcoming topics. The children will continue to learn their times tables facts both the multiplication and division. We are pretty strong now on our 0s, 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s, so let's keep tackling those 4s and 8s just as confidently.

Science

This class love science! They are all so wonderfully inquisitive. We will be finishing learning about Rocks and Fossils before moving on to learning about plants. Later in the term we will be learning about Light.

PE

PE will continue to be on a Monday with Miss Wyatt and on a Wednesday with A&M. We will be exploring a wide variety of skills ahead of sports day.

Journey of Discovery

The end of our journey around Asia class sees us explore more of the geography that makes up this amazing continent. The children will find out about the Megacities within Asia and why this has happened plus the impact this type of city has on Asia. We will explore the geographical features, culture and way of life in each Megacity, with lots of exciting artwork and tasks planned around each one.

Please note – given the current turbulent political situations in some areas of Asia, we will be very mindful about what we teach the children and expose them to. We will focus on the more educational and geographical features of Megacities, but any questions asked by children will be answered with sensitivity and in an age-appropriate manner.

RE, Music, PSHE, One World and Philosophy

All of these brilliant lessons will continue through fun and practical ways to help us learn and navigate the world around us. We will have two more RE days before the end of July. Both days will ask the children a BIG question where they will explore 'What Christians mean when they talk about the kingdom of God?' and 'What symbols and stories help Jewish people remember their covenant with G-d?'. The children will continue to learn some musical skills on the glockenspiels while enjoying a wide variety of music. Our PSHE follows the SCARF curriculum which can be found on the school website. Our weekly Spanish lessons with Mrs Kirby will also continue on Wednesday afternoons too.

Please take the time to read through the rest of this letter as it is full of friendly and helpful reminders of day to day things.

As always, if you do have questions, ideas or would like to know more then please do come and say. We are always happy to see you at drop off, collection or via email and telephone. Thank you so, so much for all of your support and kindness. We are looking forward to continuing our journey around Asia with you by our sides.

Miss Wyatt, Mrs Noble, Miss Briggs, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Howe and Mrs Wooldridge 😊

Key Diary Dates

4th May – Bank Holiday

22nd May – PD Day

25th-29th May – Half term

8th July – Sports Day

13th July – Reports

15th July – Move Up Morning

17th July – Last Day of Term



Reminders...

Names -_Please name everything clearly that comes into school.

PE - No earrings, hair up and correct uniform please.

Dojo -_Make sure you check dojo regularly for photos and updates both from Asia Class and Mrs Smith.

Snack -_In Year 3, the children are asked to bring in their own fruit or vegetable snack to enjoy while we read an exciting book together. This can be anything from apples, oranges, apricots to mushrooms, peppers and carrot sticks etc.

Water bottles and hats - both are needed and also need to be named too. Hopefully the summer is on its way and we want to keep cool.

Things from Home

While it's lovely to see children excited about things from home, please refrain from sending your child to school with things from home unless agreed by school staff. This includes cuddly toys, fidget toys and other sensory items. We have a bank of resources in school if needed.

Reading

Please encourage your child to at least read to you or another adult for at least 10 minutes a day.

Whatever book your child chooses to read whether its one from school or from their own home library, could we ask that it is noted down in the orange reading logs. It doesn't have to be a lengthy comment if you don't want it to be.

