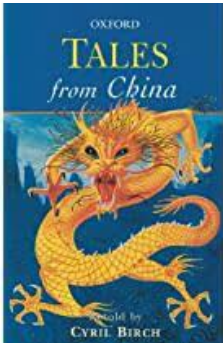


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In class, we are reading 'Tales from China', a compendium of short stories

If you would like to purchase a copy of this book to support your child's learning, then it may be available at the local library, and will also be available to purchase online.

UKS2 Homework Expectations

Children are expected to spend approximately 30 minutes each night on homework. This is a recommended outline:

Monday	Reading and spelling practice (including Spelling Shed).
Tuesday	Number clubs and times table practice (including TTRS).
Wednesday	Reading, spelling practice (including Spelling Shed).
Thursday	30 minutes working on English
Friday	30 minutes working on Maths

Please refer to the separate spelling and topic project letters for more detail on specific tasks. These can be found on the Class Story section on Dojo.

Reading Awards

The children will work towards their reading awards by reading with an adult. To help your child to achieve their awards, please sign their record after each read. Please note that only one read will be counted per day unless your child reads with an adult during the school day.

Ways to help at home:

1. Help children to complete their homework and take pride in what they produce. It is vital that children complete their homework on time as it gives the opportunity to consolidate what they have learnt in class.
 2. Read with them as often as possible or ask them questions about what they have been reading if they are more confident.
 3. Encourage them to pack their own school bag, taking responsibility for their own things.
 4. Ask your child open questions about what they have done at school and discuss it. Eg 'what was the highlight of your day?', 'what did you learn today?', or what did you enjoy most in class today?
 5. Correct their speech if they say things incorrectly.
 6. Orally practice times tables or related facts e.g. $6 \times 7 = 42$, $0.6 \times 7 = 4.2$.
- NOTE: By end of Y4 children should know all of their times tables up to 12x12.**
7. Ask them to tell you what the time is using analogue clocks.
 8. Challenge them to add up shopping items or select which option is best value for money.
 9. Play educational games on the Internet.
 10. Help them become independent learners by having set routines eg always do homework and go to bed at a set time.

This letter will give you a quick overview of what your child will be learning during this term.

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please use Class Dojo and we will always get back to you within two working days. For more urgent matters, please feel free to contact the school office.



English

The children will be studying 'Tales from China'. They will be writing to entertain, retelling the story of 'The Greatest Archer' using a range of higher order punctuation. Following this, the children will be writing to explain, looking at 'Zheng Zhenxiang' and the link to archaeology.

During Guided Reading sessions, we will be looking at 'The Willow Pattern Story' and how the original pattern was created. We will also be focusing on understanding vocabulary across a range of texts in order to broaden and enrich their knowledge. You will receive a separate spelling letter explaining the patterns that the children are studying and the days for their spelling tests.

Maths

This term the children will look at decimals, followed by percentages. It is vital that children know their times tables as national expectation is that they should know them all (up to 12x12) by the end of Year 4. Please encourage your child to use Times Table Rockstars to practise. Leading on from percentages, children will be looking at ratio and proportion. They will be applying all the knowledge that they have learnt to reasoning and problem solving activities.

PE

This term the children will be focusing on Gym and Hockey. PE days will be a Tuesday and Wednesday. It is important that the children wear PE kit to school all day on their assigned PE days. For outside sessions, we advise that children wear long joggers and sweatshirt: please can these be within the colour range of our school uniform.

PSHE

Our unit this term will be 'Dreams and Goals'. This will encourage the children to consider their aims for the future, how to build the steps to achieve their goal and develop their entrepreneurial skills.

Computing

Our new unit is 'The Impact of Technology' – we will learn how to find information on a webpage and how it impacts the audience. We will evaluate web sites and the reliability of web content, working to understand how they are created.

RE

Over the term, we will be discussing the question, 'What would Jesus do?' We will be discussing some of the parables told by Jesus as well as some of his messages and teachings.

Topic

The children will be finding out lots of facts about The Shang Dynasty this term. In history, we will be understanding how the Shang Dynasty began and why Chen Tang became emperor. Later in the topic, the children will have the opportunity to find out what life was like for people at the time. Our music will be looking at a piece of music called 'A New Year Carol' by Benjamin Britten. In art, we will be studying the skills of painting and the work of David Hockney.

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