

The Year of the Dragon

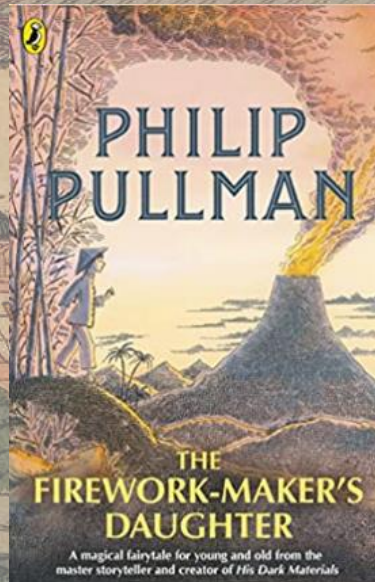
In English this term, we will be using the book 'The Firework-Makers Daughter' by Philip Pullman and 'The Willow Pattern Story' by Alan Drummond to inspire our writing. We will be writing a range of text types including explanation, debate and fiction texts. We will also be using our text, alongside others to develop our comprehension skills focusing on our VIPERS skills. We will also have a visitor in to help us understand debating effectively.

In Maths, we will be spending time developing our understanding of calculating with fractions. We will be practicing adding, subtraction, multiplication and division with fractions as well as with whole numbers. We will also look at some Chinese maths, including their number system and an alternative way of multiplying.

In Science, we will be continuing to develop our skills with working scientifically when we carry out investigations. We will be studying evolution and inheritance, including making links to why we look similar to our relatives. Also, we will study famous scientists linked to these topics.

In History this term, we will be looking into the earlier historically-proven dynasty: The Shang Dynasty. We will look into life during this era and developing our understanding of how historians understand what life was like back then. The children will then use their own historical enquiry to present what they have discovered.

During our PE sessions, we will be further developing our tennis and gymnastics skills. After half-term, we will be doing some dancing linked to our theme as well as completing some outdoor and adventure activities both in school and on residential!



In Geography, we will look at the type of environments that the Shang Dynasty was a part of in comparison to the climate zones around the world. We will also look at different time zones in China and in the UK. We will also compare how China compares to our local area.

In Art and Design Technology, we will be creating some Chinese-inspired art and investigate the different foods from China. We will then plan, prepare and create a Chinese meal.

In Music this term, after focussing on Young Voices, we will begin using Charanga to learn and play some different songs using instruments. We will also listen to and appraise some traditional Chinese music.

We will be using our computing sessions to develop our understanding of computer text adventures and spreadsheets.

During RE this term, we will be exploring the relationship between creation and science as well as why Christians believe God will help them.

In PSHE this term, we will be looking at the areas 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me!'

In French this term, we will be learning how to say the date, say when my birthday is and to state where we live. We will also consolidate our understanding of French numbers.

Homework

Homework every week will focus upon reading and times tables. Children need to practise the times tables from the diamond band they are currently working on, this includes logging on to Times Tables Rock Stars at least three times a week. They are also expected to read regularly, at least three times each week, recording this on BoomHub.

Times Tables Rock Stars and BoomHub will be checked every Thursday.

Alongside this, theme homework will be set for the children to complete, where they will need to submit 10 creative pieces of their choice throughout the term, to share with their peers and staff at CWJS. Feedback will then be provided to the children.

Reading

All children will be provided with a school reading book. It is essential that these are bought in to school each day. The book that your child receives is matched to their reading abilities for both word reading and comprehension. Children are expected to read at least three times each week as part of their homework.

PE

Children need their PE kit in school at all times. Although we try and stick to the same two days for PE it is inevitable that for some weeks this will change due to unforeseen circumstances. For this reason, we ask that each child has their PE kit in school at all times. PE days (for both Y6 classes): Tuesday and Thursday.

A PE kit should include a Cam Woodfield Junior t-shirt, black or blue shorts and daps or trainers. It is recommended that children have warm clothes for outdoor PE; this can include a jumper and jogging bottoms. Alongside this, children need a water bottle.

Times Tables

As a school, we focus on multiplication and corresponding division facts with regular practise of times tables through 21 facts every morning. It is the expectation of the National Curriculum that children learn their times tables with rapid recall up to 12×12 . This means your child will need to learn each times table off by heart- without having to 'work it out'. The children are tested every Friday using our times table scheme to reach 40 out of 40 to progress to the next diamond band.

Times Tables Rock Stars

All children have log in details to access Times Tables Rock Stars, which can be used on any smart device via an app as well as on a computer. Children need to be accessing the Times Table website weekly, as part of their homework.

Purple Mash

Children have been provided with a Purple Mash login which they can use whenever they want. This will help them with their computing skills and they can even use it for some of their homework pieces.