



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Term 4 of this academic year. Below is an overview of what will be covered in 4BH this term.

Language, Oracy & Literacy

This term children will be working on Biographies, Playscripts related to the class reader 'The Lion, The witch and the Wardrobe; and studying the life of C.S Lewis. They will also be working on Explanatory text related to their Time and Place topic 'China'. Children will continue to learn Mandarin as an additional language

They will learn to use the possessive apostrophe and revise the use commas after or before phrases and clauses.

Mathematics

We will be looking at doubling and halving decimal numbers, counting in fractions, initially using improper fractions and then using mixed numbers and equivalent fractions. The children will also learn about relating fractions to their decimal equivalents and understand percentage as the number of parts in every 100. The children will learn to describe movements between positions as translations of a given unit to the left/right and up/down. In addition, we will be looking at symmetry. They will also learn to interpret and present discrete and continuous data using appropriate graphical methods, including bar charts and time graphs, using a greater range of scales.

Science & Technology

'Sound': Children will learn that sounds are made when objects vibrate and that sounds travel through solids, liquids and gases. Children investigate how sound travels through different materials and discover how instruments make sounds learning how to change pitch and tone.

Time & Place

The children will be studying ancient China: customs and beliefs, The Yangtze and Yellow Rivers plus other geographical features of China's many provinces. They will also study China in its historical context looking at past and present customs.

Citizenship & Ethics

In our topic we are studying charities and poverty.

Physical & Emotional Health (PE & Games)

Dance – The children will learn Chinese Dance with particular use of gesture with the hands and position of the head. They will also show Chinese customs through movement. Children will learn striking and fielding games.

Outdoor PE kits should be brought into school on a Monday morning and taken home on a Friday afternoon. Children should also ensure they always have a black T-shirt and black shorts for performances.

Arts & Creativity

Art – The children will be studying the drawing of buildings with understanding of linear perspective. In art linked to Place and Time they will explore the legacy of Chinese Art and Craft including the use of Chinese symbols for language.

Music – Exploring music from other cultures with different rhythms, beats and pitches linked to Chinese Dance.

Faith & Belief

Christianity (Easter)- Is forgiveness always possible? Do religious people lead better lives? Do all religious beliefs influence people to behave well towards others?

Homework

Literacy and mathematics homework will both be handed out every Thursday and Friday and your child should spend a minimum of 20 minutes on each piece. Your child will also continue to receive spellings to learn on a Thursday and these will be tested the following week. Spelling Stars, reading and times tables should continue to be learnt on a daily basis. Please ensure that you sign and date your child's Reading Record as well as asking them questions about the text they are reading. As part of Place and Time units of work research homework will be given out on Tuesdays.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Brown and Mrs Herr