

Dear Yr 5 Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope that your child is enjoying Year 5. The following information will keep you aware of the curriculum your children will cover this term, as well as some of the special events we have planned.

We have been pleased with the way in which the children have tackled their project homeworks. They have shown great enthusiasm and the quality of the work has been outstanding. We will continue to set weekly spelling and maths homework.

As always, Ms. Watson and Mr. Williams are willing to give more detailed guidance, about homework, to children and parents if required. We will make it clear to the children the day on which the homework has to be given in.

Subject Area	
Literacy	We will cover units on traditional stories, classic and narrative poetry, non-chronological reports and persuasive texts. Some of our literacy work will be linked to our topic of China and Chinese culture.
Numeracy	The following concepts will be covered: place value, all four rules of number, fractions, data, shape, measure and money.
Science	The following areas will be covered: Changing State and The Earth, Sun and Moon.
R.E.	The life and teaching of the Buddha and aspects of Buddhism in the modern world. This will include a visit to The Buddhist Centre (Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January)
Topic	We will study the geography, culture and history of China. We plan to visit the British museum to take a closer look at Chinese artefacts.
Art	We will study traditional Chinese art including traditional dragon designs, collage, Chinese brush painting and clay Buddhas.
P.E.	P.E. this term will include work on gymnastics, dance, athletics and tennis.
Music	We will be looking at the music inspired by the Chinese culture.
French/Chinese	Giving answers about personal information. Revising colours, numbers, and animals through games, stories and song. We will also be looking at various aspects of the French culture and life in French speaking countries. We will be looking at Chinese writing and learning some basic words in Mandarin.
I.C.T.	Over this term we will continue to cover: word-processing skills, databases, spreadsheets and graphics. Other software skills will be integrated into class and homework where appropriate.
P.H.C.S.E.	We will study the SEAL units ~ "Going for goals" and "Keeping safe."

We are very grateful for the parents who helped in our activities last term. Without this help some activities would not be possible.

In particular this term, we would be very keen to have visitors who might support our work on Chinese culture and also Buddhism. If you know of someone who might be able to visit the school and give a short presentation to the children, we would be happy to talk with them.

Our visits and visitors this term include: ~

- British Museum to visit the Chinese galleries
- Cambridge Buddhist Centre visit on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January (contribution of £2.50)

We hope that this information will prove helpful. If there are some of you who have not yet taken advantage of the opportunities offered so far to come in and talk about your child's progress, we do hope that you will make an appointment and visit soon.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Watson and Gareth Williams