



SET SAIL FOR SUCCESS

Mayflower Topic Letter

Haring Class

Spring 2020

Welcome back to another term at Mayflower! Our topic this term is all about China and Chinese New Year. Have a read to find out what we'll be up to.

Topic

Our topic learning will be focused around China and Chinese New Year. In History we will be finding out about the Shang Dynasty in Ancient China. Our focus will be chronology and creating timelines.

In DT we will be finding out about seasonal food and cooking some delicious Chinese dishes.

In Computing, we will be developing our presentation skills on keynote, learning how to input text, video, pictures and sounds. We will be creating presentations all about China.

Our focus for PE this half term is developing our throwing and catching skills.

English

In English we will be looking at the Chinese story the Dragon Kite. This is a quest story, so we will be using it as inspiration to write our own quest stories set in China. We will be thinking about how to describe characters' personality, how to include exciting action and how to use different senses in a description.

We will also be looking at persuasive writing and writing letters to persuade the villagers in the Dragon Kite story to let the dragon stay with them.

We will continue guided reading sessions each morning and it is important that **children read at home every day.**

Science

This half term we will be investigating state of matter (solids, liquids and gases). We will be doing lots of hands on investigations to learn about this topic.

Maths

In maths this term we will be learning a lot about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will find out about different types of triangles and quadrilaterals, as well as different types of angles. Later in the term, we will focus on measurement. We will be finding out how to convert measurements, for example from cm into m. This will help us recap our learning about decimals from the Autumn term.

January 2020



Parents' Memo

PE

Swimming remains to be on a Wednesday afternoon. This is their last half-term of swimming this year so it is important they do not miss sessions—swimming is a life saving skill.

Library

Children visit the school library **every Thursday**. They can also change their library book in the morning between 8:45 and 9:00.

All children must bring their book bags and share-a-books in EVERY DAY.

Although we do not provide weekly home learning it is important your children are practicing their timetables daily to prepare for their timetables test in June.