

Acorn Class Curriculum Newsletter: Spring 2

Come Fly With Me! Asia – I hope you'll be...friendly

Theme Overview

Our Dimensions curriculum has a geography-based theme, exploring specific aspects of Chinese and Indian culture to include food, traditional dress, music, dance and customs. We also investigate aspects of Russia and Egypt including weather, buildings, art, the story of Babushka and natural and man-made landmarks.

Maths Links

6,7,8,9 and measures – length, capacity and time (Reception)

Place value within 50, length, height, mass and volume (Y1)

Multiplication and division, money, length, height, mass, capacity and temperature (Y2)

The children will continue with their maths fluency lessons.

Literacy Links

The unit themes are: Traditional stories, Instructions and Poetry. They will use these themes to create their own work. We will read non-fiction texts to find out all about China, India, Russia and Egypt.

Reading

May we gently remind you that reading is now your child's homework. It is so important to share a story or listen to your child read each day for at least 5 - 10 minutes. Reading books will be changed weekly or more frequently if necessary. Your child should read their book more than once if it's short, as this will develop fluency and word recognition. Please do chat and enjoy the book together as they read, as well as asking questions, to make sure that they understand it. Some children will begin Accelerated Reader as they move through Acorn, and their log in details will be stuck into the inside front cover of their reading record. A Year 2

child or a child reading longer books can begin to read a few pages of their book alone, whilst parents still monitor them closely.

PE

Our PE days are Monday and Friday. We also have an extra activity session this half term with Stevenage Borough on a Thursday afternoon. Children should come to school wearing their P.E. kit.

Science

We continue to offer nature explorers each Wednesday. Children are looking at the weather – building a weather station and examining climates in Asia. Later, they will build a bird's nest and plant Easter baskets.

Expressive arts and design

This topic includes opportunities to listen and respond to music from Asia, including Bangra and Polka dances. They will create Chinese writing, Rangoli patterns and will look at the art of Kandinsky.

Active Learning

Our role play will be an aeroplane, with passports and tickets. The outside role play will include a café, with changing food, as we fly around Asia. The tuff trays will include a mini panda world, noodles, elephants, flags and construction for making landmark buildings. We continue to offer busy fingers activities as the children arrive each morning, and our continuous provision includes outdoor learning.