

# 新年快樂



Happy New Year!

## Class 4 Spring Newsletter

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break. My name is Miss Hewson and I have taught a range of year groups from Year 2 to Year 6 during my eight years in teaching. I am delighted to be working with Class 4 who have made me feel very welcome already. There is a scheduled Parents' Evening at the end of January but please feel free to drop in if you have any queries before then. I look forward to getting to know you all better.

### What will we be learning during this term?

Our topic this term is **The Shang Dynasty**. These are some of the questions that we will study in **history** and **geography** this term.

Where is China and what is the landscape like?

What was life like in China during The Shang Dynasty?

How does it compare to life in China today?

What are our sources of information and how reliable are they?

**Art/DT:** We began our topic by studying Chinese symbols and making our very own Chinese fans. Later in the term, we will be sketching Chinese dragons and making Chinese lanterns. The children will also have chance to make some Chinese food!

In **PE**, we will choreograph Chinese themed dances.



### Science

In science we will be studying light. In particular we will look at light sources, seeing, reflections and shadows. We will explain how light appears to travel in straight lines and how this affects seeing and shadows. Later in the term, we will study electricity, looking at appliances, circuits, lamps, switches, insulators and conductors.



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### Special days/dates

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 6pm is the Year 5 residential meeting.
  - Tuesdays and Thursdays are now Class 4's PE days.
- On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January we have a special visitor coming to talk to us about our China topic.
  - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January Class 4 sharing assembly.
  - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February China themed day.
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February Key Stage 2 dance workshop.
  - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March Class 4 sharing assembly.

### Homework

Subject	Given	Return by the following	Will usually/often be:
Spellings (All)	Monday	Monday	A creative activity linked to a spelling rule.
Maths (All)	Wednesday	Wednesday	Mathletics
English (Year 5 only)	Friday	Friday	Comprehension or SPAG