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# Year 1 News

## Assistant Headteacher Update



I hope you all had a wonderful and restful break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week and hear about the exciting things they got up to over the break. The children have returned with positive attitudes and have dived straight back into their learning.

This term, Year 1's topic is 'China.' This topic focusing on both History and Geography. History looks at Emperor Qin who was important to the history of China. They focus on famous historical events and how things have changed in China over time. Geography looks at locating China on a map, knowing the capital city and continent, as well as identifying human and physical features. Year 1 started their topic this week by learning key facts about China and creating Chinese dragons as a symbol to great power, good luck and strength. Just a reminder that Year 1 will be having a China WOW Day in February where they will be involved in a Chinese Dancing workshop. All the details are on the MCAS app.

In writing, Year 1 have started their new writing unit on instructions. A paper airplane flew into the classroom and the children went through instructions on how to make one. They were spotting the imperative verbs and adverbs used in each instructions. This will then support them in writing their own instructions for making a sandwich and a cake! I am excited to read these instructions!

In Maths, Year 1 will be focusing on addition and subtraction to 20. They will be looking at numbers to 20 and how they can use their number bond to 10 facts to support them.

This half term, Year 1 will be doing their food unit with DT. They will be focusing on fruit and vegetables, initially tasting and describing them, before moving onto creating recipes with fruit or vegetables in. The children will then have an opportunity to visit Vale Kitchen to create their dish.

What a lot of exciting learning Year 1 will be doing this half term!

Have a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Murdoch*

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## Photos of Us



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## What do our Year 1 children have to say?

*I enjoyed coming back to play football with Mr Collins in PE and in the holidays I got an Arsenal football kit too!*  
Mokshit, Madrid

*"I scored 2 points in this game of basketball, I think I am pretty good at this"* Teddy, Paris

*"We can follow instructions to make things"* Georgia, Berlin



## REMINDER

Please make sure you send your children to school with a healthy lunch and snacks.



## Key Dates



**Census day** - 19th Jan 2023

**Class Photo** - 26th January 2023

**Chinese Dragon Dancing** - 3rd February

**Half Term** - 13th Feb - 17th Feb 2023

**Ferry Meadows** - 8th March 2023



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