



Spring 2

# China Class

## Phonics Info

There will be a real push on phonics and reading over the next few months in preparation for the phonics screening test in June. What can you do to help your child to prepare?

- Practise reading the speed sounds, green words and speed words in their RWInc reading book regularly.
- Support them to read the words on their spelling lists and learn the new pattern.
- Listen to them read their book which is tailored to their phonic ability daily.



## Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Castles and Dragons'. We will read and act out the legend of St George. Linked to our visit to Skipton Castle; we will learn about life and jobs in the castle and label many parts of the castle itself. We will look at how knights protected their king or lord by wearing metal armour. We will locate on maps and investigate places in the world where dragons are a key part of the culture e.g. China and Wales and discuss what they symbolize. We will be busy in our continuous provision using our blocks and junk modelling areas to design and make our own castles and dragons and painting and collaging different depictions of dragons in our art and design area.



## Our English focus:

We will be reading 'Puff the Magic Dragon' this half term. We will write a recount of the story and learning how to write a letter. Our SPAG focus will be on using the suffix 'ing' for the present tense and 'ed' for the past tense and using question marks and exclamation marks.

## Our Maths focus:

Our focus will be counting, writing and understanding the place value of numbers to 100. We will be counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 to 100. Linked to designing and making castles, we will be recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes.

## Our Science focus:

Our focus this half term is light linked to our dragon topic. We will investigate light and dark and try and catch an eastern and a western dragon. We will also start to describe the basic structure of common plants and continue to compare the seasons as we start to observe signs of spring time.

## Key information

- Homework is given out on Friday and due back Thursday at the latest. It is your child's responsibility to bring it home in their book bag and hand it in every week.
- Spellings are given out on Friday and tested the following Friday.
- PE is every Wednesday and your child must have a PE kit in school. Please remember to take your child's kit home to wash at the end of the half term.
- Reading books will be changed twice a week on Monday and Thursday. Please ensure you fill in their home record every time you read with them. The children must have their book with them every day so they can read to the adults in school.