

17TH JANUARY 2025

ISSUE 15

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! There's so much happening at Priory School this term, and we are thrilled to share some exciting updates and reminders with you.

Upcoming Parent Events

Learning Together Week (Week commencing 27th January):

During this special week, we invite 10 parents from each class to join us in school to experience a snapshot of your child's classroom and learning experience. If it's your turn to attend, you'll receive a personal invitation.

Important Reminder:

- For safeguarding reasons, only the invited parent can attend.
- Due to space and capacity, only one parent per child can be accommodated.
- Thank you for your understanding as we ensure a safe and meaningful experience for everyone.

SLTea for EYFS and KS1 Parents (4th February):

Join us for a cup of tea and an informal chat with the Senior Leadership Team. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with us, share your thoughts, and ask any questions you may have. Apply here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/5yL2NCtHH3>

Parents' Evenings:

Our spring term parents' evenings will provide updates on your child's progress. Further details on scheduling will be shared soon.

Celebrating Determination at Priory

This term, we are focusing on the value of determination, and we're encouraging pupils to explore their hopes and dreams. Classrooms have been buzzing with activities like goal-setting,

reflecting on challenges, and learning about inspirational figures such as Martin Luther King Jr., whose legacy we will celebrate during phase assemblies next week.

You can support this at home by discussing your child's aspirations and sharing stories of perseverance in your own life. Together, we can nurture a mindset of resilience and growth.

Pedestrian Gates

When entering the pedestrian gates (Gate 4 & 5) leading into Nursery/Reception & Year 5/Year 6 can we please ask parents to wait until the gate is fully open to enter the site. Unfortunately we have had numerous occasions where the gate has been pushed open resulting in the gate not operating properly and more recently not working at all.

Thank you for your support

Important Dates

Martin Luther King Day (20th January):

- Pupils will reflect on determination and perseverance through special assemblies and classroom activities.

Chinese New Year Assembly (29th January):

- We'll mark the Year of the Snake with a whole-school assembly.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement with Priory School. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages - W/C 17th January

Whole School - 93.0%

Year 1 - 94.3%

Year 2 - 93.5%

Year 3 - 93.8%

Year 4 - 91.8%

Year 5 - 93.0%

Year 6 - 91.8%

Congratulations to 1Jeffers with 99.1% the highest attendance this week!

Important dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2024-2025

Leaflets and letters:

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website and choose external providers

Sign of the week:

Hope and Determination

https://youtu.be/_6ZIsbeoex8?si=xxfnoDaicgS5G987

Peek at the Week

Nursery– 17th January 2025

Learning Together Sessions

Tuesday 28th Jan 2:45pm (30hr children)

Thursday 30th Jan 11am (AM children)

2:45pm (PM children)

Don't forget to chat, read and play with your child at home. To support your child's speaking and listening why not look at the following website for some ideas of activities to do with your child.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



This week the children decided they wanted to make an ice cream shop!



They helped each other with paper and tape to make different flavoured ice creams.

Which flavour do you like best?



They then sold their ice creams at the shop they had built.

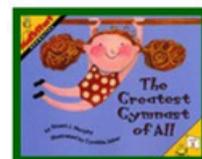
Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We have been talking about how to make sure our Nursery is a happy place for everyone to learn in. This week we have been focusing on 'Listening to each other and to our teachers'

Communication & Language Development

From next week, we will be starting to read our new focus book 'The Greatest Gymnast of all'. We will be learning lots of action words such as 'leap', 'spin', 'balance' and 'swing'.



Physical Development

We have been developing our hand-eye co-ordination outside in the garden this week with lots of bat and ball games and by having lots of fun popping bubbles!



Child of the week: **Anabia** for showing kindness to her new friend and sharing her toys during the nursery session.

Nursery rhyme of the week: **Sleeping Bunnies**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VY4joloPf80>

Please encourage your child to sing along and join in with the actions.



Next Week's Word of the Week: **leaping**

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Peek at the Week–Reception

17.01.25

There have been lots of opportunities for imaginative play this week, and we have really enjoyed listening to the children role playing as astronauts!



27th–29th January–Learning Together Mornings

SLTea Tuesday 4th February–2pm. EYFS parents are invited to come along to meet with our Senior Leadership team and enjoy a child free cup of tea!

Communication and Language

This week, we have begun Spring 1 of Little Wandle phonics. In your child's book bag, you will find a handout explaining what will be covered this term in phonics. We encourage you to continue reading the books we send home each week– a decodable reading book and a library book.

Expressive Arts and Design

We have really enjoyed learning about colour mixing this week. In our book, The Smeds and the Smoos, a red Smed and a blue Smoo get married and have a little baby–who is purple! We had a lot of fun mixing our own colour for our baby, experimenting with different amounts of blue and red paint, and introducing vocabulary such as tone, warmer and cooler.



Please send in any clean plastic bottles (water, juice, fairy liquid!) for a crafty activity next week!

Reception song of the week:

[The Planet Song](#)



Reception Stars of the Week:

R Rupert: Surie R Paddington: Rohaan

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Peek at the Week

Year 1 – 17th January 2025



Important Dates / Reminders

Please can all book bags be brought in on a Thursday so library books and reading books can be changed.

Please log in to Numbots.



Homework

Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day and record it in their reading diary.

Focus core math skill: counting to 20

A video we are loving in class:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAZ7UJweYZ8>

Our Learning

This week:

In math, we have continued our unit on place value to 20. The children have been focusing on the numbers 15, 16 and 17. They have been using base 10 to partition numbers into tens and ones, looking for patterns as a number increases. We have been practicing finding 1 more and 1 less of number, as well as, quickly recalling doubles.

In English this week, the children wrote perfect sentences to retell the story of Lost and Found. The children discussed how the penguin felt about being away from home and had a go at using new adjectives such as: isolated and secluded to up level the adjective 'lonely'.

In afternoon sessions this week, we continued with Geography unit about our local area. We had lots of fun comparing slough to the seaside town Bournemouth. The children discussed similarities and difference between the two places and then recalled their own experiences about when they had visited a seaside town.

Next week:

Math: We will be practicing the skill of using a number line.

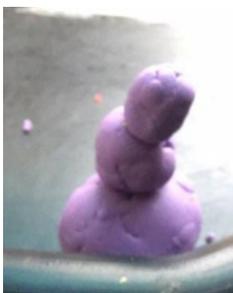
English: We will continue to retell the story of Lost and Found

History: We will be starting our new unit on famous explorers.

Some pictures of continuous provision this week:



The children have loved junk modelling this week and creating more winter things with playdoh!



Star of the week

1Donaldson: Victoria

1Jeffers: Suleman



Words of the Week: could people want your their

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Peek at the Week

Year 2 – 17th January 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

Please read with and to your child every day and discuss what you are reading. Once the children have used their phonics to decode the words in the book, please re-read the book several times over the week to help them build up their pace and fluency.



Spellings are sent home on Fridays with a spelling quiz the following Friday. Please practice writing these spellings daily if possible. Please also login in to NumBots and Times Table Rockstars to practise both number bonds and timetables.

Please send your child in the correct PE uniform on **Wednesdays**.

Please also send your child in with a coat daily as we are outside learning in our Year 2 garden for part of every day.

Our garden of dreams and goals on the window:



Child of the Week

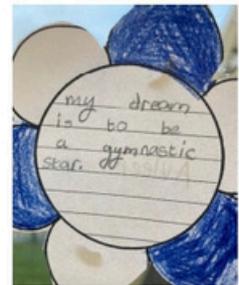
2Newton: Maverick

2Franklin: Nafisa



Our Learning

This week in English, the children have written some wonderful descriptions of Funni. They included details about what she looks like, her personality and what she likes to do. In maths, we have been subtracting 2-digit numbers from 2-digit numbers and have also been applying our knowledge to solve word problems where we have had to find the difference between two amounts. In science, we went on a winter walk around the school grounds and observed the trees, plants, animals and weather. We discussed our findings and wrote up an account in our books. Here are some of our dreams and goals from PSHRE last week:



Next week, we will finish our subtraction unit by solving word problems and working on challenges. In English, we will be writing a setting description based on *The Secret Sky Garden* at different stages in the book. We have been focusing on using expanded noun phrases in our writing to add lots of detail. In science, we will be looking at the life cycle of a sunflower as well as crafting our own plants and labelling their different parts and functions.



Peek at the Week

Year 3– 17th January 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

23.01.25 3 Jenner swimming lesson

11.02.25 Year 3 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

w/c 17.02.25 HALF TERM

HOMEWORK

Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes every day and record this in their reading record. Ideas for reading at home can include reading a library book, a book from school or home, reading a bedtime story or following a recipe among other opportunities!

Books can also be read online at

<https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/co.uk/login/>

Please practise number bonds and multiplication tables with your child. Times Tables Rockstars:

<https://trockstars.com/>

Don't forget that your child needs to wear the correct PE uniform to school each **Monday**.

Our Learning

This week, we have continued to learn more about rivers in our Geography lessons. We learnt how important rivers are to animals and humans and compared the Thames and the Nile. In English, we continued to build our class sentence stack linked to the Happy Prince and in Maths we have been exploring patterns that can help us to learn our 8x times tables.

Next week, we will be taking part in some experience lessons to learn about the life of working Victorian children. In Maths, we will be exploring divisibility using our multiplication facts.

In History lessons, we will begin to look at life in Ancient Egypt. We will also be learning more about coding in Computing and continuing to practise the songs we are learning for our upcoming performance.

Please encourage your children to practise their times tables. In school we have been working on our 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x tables.

The children all have a login to Times Tables Rockstars · <https://trockstars.com/> - so that they can practise at home.



Word of the Week: caught

Follow this link to find more super daily activities: www.morningchallenge.co.uk/

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Year 4 Peek at the Week

Friday 17th January 2025

Important Dates /Reminders

Wednesdays: wear the correct PE uniform to school. Please bring in a water bottle.

Fridays: Spelling test. Please remember to read at least three times a week and record it in the reading record. Your child also need to be practising their times tables as much as possible.

Dates for the Spring Term

Finding Nemo performance for parents–Tuesday 4th March PM–time to be confirmed.

Finding Nemo performance for parents–Wednesday 5th March AM–time to be confirmed.

Year 4 trip to Ufton Court–Thursday 27th March.

Our Learning

This week, the children have enjoyed finding out the parts that they have for our production of Finding Nemo. We are in full swing with the rehearsals and the children are enjoying learning the songs.

In English, we have continued to work on our book Beowulf, the children have been answering comprehension questions and writing a character description of Grendel.

In Maths, we have continued to work on our times tables and the children are now becoming more confident at multiplying two digits by one digit.

Next week in English, the children are going to be planning and writing their Beowulf story. The children will be focusing on using engaging vocabulary, interesting sentence starters and making sure that their sentences make sense.

Next week in Maths, the children are going to be moving on to dividing two-digits by one digit.

In the afternoons, the children are going to be finishing their science topic on Living Things and their habitats. Also, we have started our new art topic and the children having been making their own coastal scene which will

Child of the week:

4 Turing: Sufyan 4 Lovelace: Natalie 4 Chamberlain: Evie



Remember to read 3 times a week and practise your timetables on Rockstar Maths.

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Year 5 Peek at the Week

17th January 2025

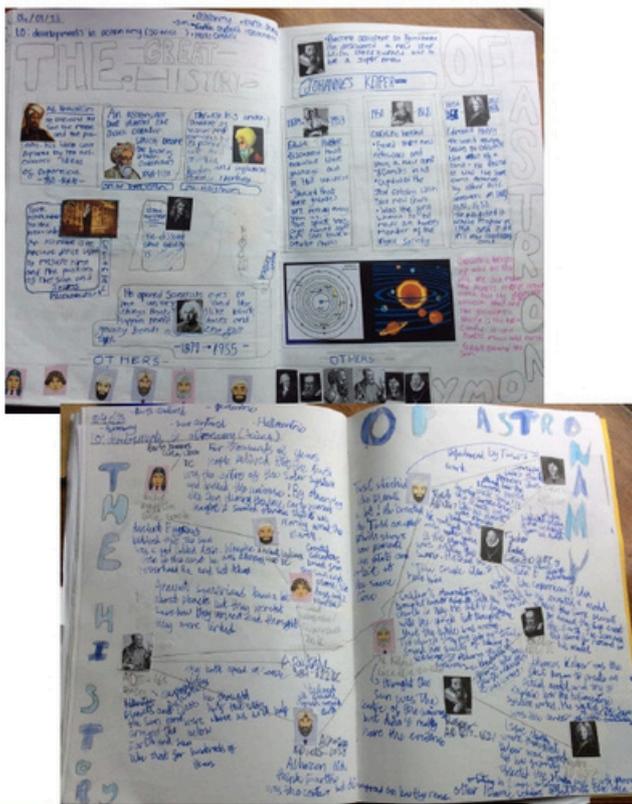
Important Dates / Reminders

Tuesdays: Wear the correct PE uniform to school. Please bring in a water bottle.

Slough Mosque Trip - Thursday 6th
February

Science Museum Trip: Thursday 20th
March

In Science, we created a factfile about the history of astronomy



Our Learning

This week, we continued our Science topic focusing on Space. In particular, we looked at astronomers and discussed diversity within this area of science and history. We also became experts on the planets and on spherical bodies.

In maths, we started our new top of multiplication, where we explored new strategies to multiply 4 digits by 1 digit and 2 digits by 2 digits.

In English, we began to watch One Small Step- a story about a girl called Luna- and will eventually retell this narrative in our own words.

This term in PSHRE, we will be looking at Dreams and Goals. Here we will focus on the values of hope and trust.

Next week, we will continue to explore our solar system and focus on day, night and phases of the moon!

In maths, we will continue our topic of multiplication, where we will expand our learning by learning new strategies to multiply 3 digits by 2 digits, and 4 digits by 2 digits.

In English, we will be continuing to write effective sentences for our short film: One Small Step.

Child of the Week

5Dawe: **Orla**

5Maple: **Zara**

5Ofili: **Arvi**

Word of the Week: **exaggerate**

Remember to read 3 times a week and practise your timetables on Rockstar Maths.

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Year 6 Peek at the Week

Friday 17th January 2025

Important Dates /Reminders

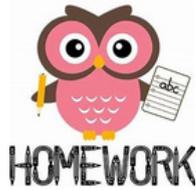
17.01.25: **World Culture Day: non-school uniform**

Thursdays: Wear the correct PE uniform to school. Please bring in a water bottle.

Thursdays: Spelling quiz.

Homework due:

- Reading record x3
- Spellings x1
- Times tables practice on TTRS



Our Learning

This week, in science, we learnt more about Darwin's discoveries and how he came up with the theory of evolution. We also conducted an investigation into Darwin's finches and how their beaks had evolved and adapted.

In English, we continued writing effective sentences for our poem. We had the chance to learn more about the Industrial Revolution and how it changed the world.

In math, we focused on mastering the skills of adding, subtracting, and multiplying decimals by integers.

Additionally, we revisited the concepts of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, and 1,000.

Year 6– Can you spot the moth?



Next week, in geography, we will start our new topic on the Americas! We will identify some of the countries and learn about the wide range of climates and biomes.

In English, we will draw on our knowledge of the Industrial Revolution to use in our poem. We will understand its impact on nature and animals – including the moth.

In maths, we will complete the topic of decimals by focusing on dividing decimals by integers and applying division and multiplication in context. We will then begin a new topic on ratios, exploring both language and symbols.

PSHRE Focus: Dreams and Goals. In PSHRE this term, we will understand the difference between realistic and unrealistic goal-setting. We will be able to identify our learning strengths and the steps we need to take to achieve our goals. We will share our dreams for the world by identifying problems and discussing our concerns with other people. We will understand how to work with others to help make the world a better place. Lastly, we will be able to recognise and celebrate our own achievements when our goals are met.

Child of the week:



6 Attenborough: Sarim **6 Anning:** Freddie **6 Darwin:** Farhan

Word of the Week: government

Follow this link to find more super daily activities: www.morningchallenge.co.uk/

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Peek of the Week

The Orchard

Week commencing- 13.01.2025

Important Dates/ information

Wednesday- Cherries trip to TVAP

P.E- Please send children to school wearing their uniform and pack their P.E kit in their bags . This is to support the children in learning to independently dress themselves. Thank you!

Makaton sign of the week:

Wolf



Peek of the Week from the Orchard

This week:

In English, the children have been using props from our topic book to retell the story and sequence key events.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rV_NMsDO_nI

In Maths, all classes have set up their own 'toy shops'. The children have been using their role play skills to buy and sell toys, focusing on the exchange of coins and notes as well as reading price tags and making the amount with coins.

In Science, the children explored different types of weathers during the four seasons through a sensory input.



Stars of the week

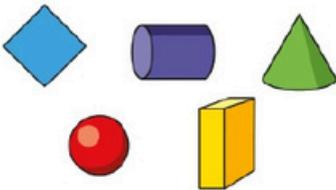
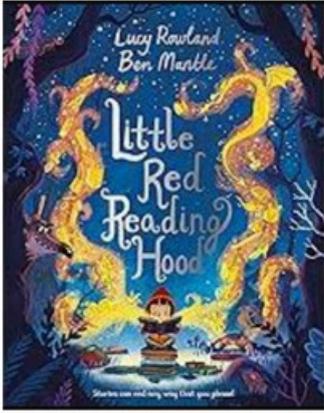
Plums: Ards her for showing independence in self-care

Cherries: Aran for getting on the bus to go to TVAP

Apples : Kyree for independently using his PECS folder to communicate his wants and needs

Pears: Kaiden for good communication skills





Peek at the Week

The Woodlands
Week commencing- 13.01.25

What the Woodlands has been up to

This week:

In English,

We have been exploring our new topic of traditional tales. We revisited the original story of *Little Red Riding Hood* and also read a new version of the tale, "*The Little Red Reading Hood*". In this new book, the children began exploring ways to alter the original story.

In maths,

In maths, we have focused on our new topic, Geometry, where we explored 2D and 3D shapes, including their properties and how to categorise them.

The afternoon,

We have continued to work on our Zones of Regulations lessons.

The children have been practising their social skills by reading social scripts.

The children have also been working on role playing for Little Red Riding hood. They have been disguising a wolf and sequencing the story.

The children have also been practising their number skills, 1-10 and number formation.

Next week,

In English, we are going to plan our own version of The Little Red Riding Hood story.

In maths, we will continue to build our understanding of shape.

In the afternoon, we are going to continue our work on social and emotional skills.

We are also going to continue with Little Red Riding Hood.

PE News

On Thursday 16th January, 10 Year 6 children had a great afternoon at the Invictus festival in Slough.

The children participated in 4 different games scoring points for team Priory! This was an excellent achievement by all the children who represented the school with perfect behaviour, sportspersonship and passion.

#teampriory



Language of the Month

At Priory School, we are proud that there are children and staff from a variety of different cultures and backgrounds. We would like to celebrate and value all the languages and faiths within our diverse community by introducing 'Language of the Month'. Language of the month will involve introducing commonly used words such as good morning, numbers one to ten, some useful links to facts and a fun song or two! This is a great way to celebrate a variety of languages and give the opportunity to children to learn words and phrases from each other's languages.

To start the New Year, the Language of the Month for January is Chinese. Please see the slides below. The slides have been introduced to the children in school.

This is also a great opportunity for families to share any photos of linked celebrations. Chinese New Year is marked on the 29th January and it is the year of the snake!

Language of the month

Good morning
Dzaoww-shung
haoww
再见

Thank you
Sshyeh-sshayeh
谢谢

Yes
Shrr
是

Hello
Nee haoww
你好

Sorry
Bào qiàn
抱歉

Well done
Sshyeh-sshayeh
谢谢

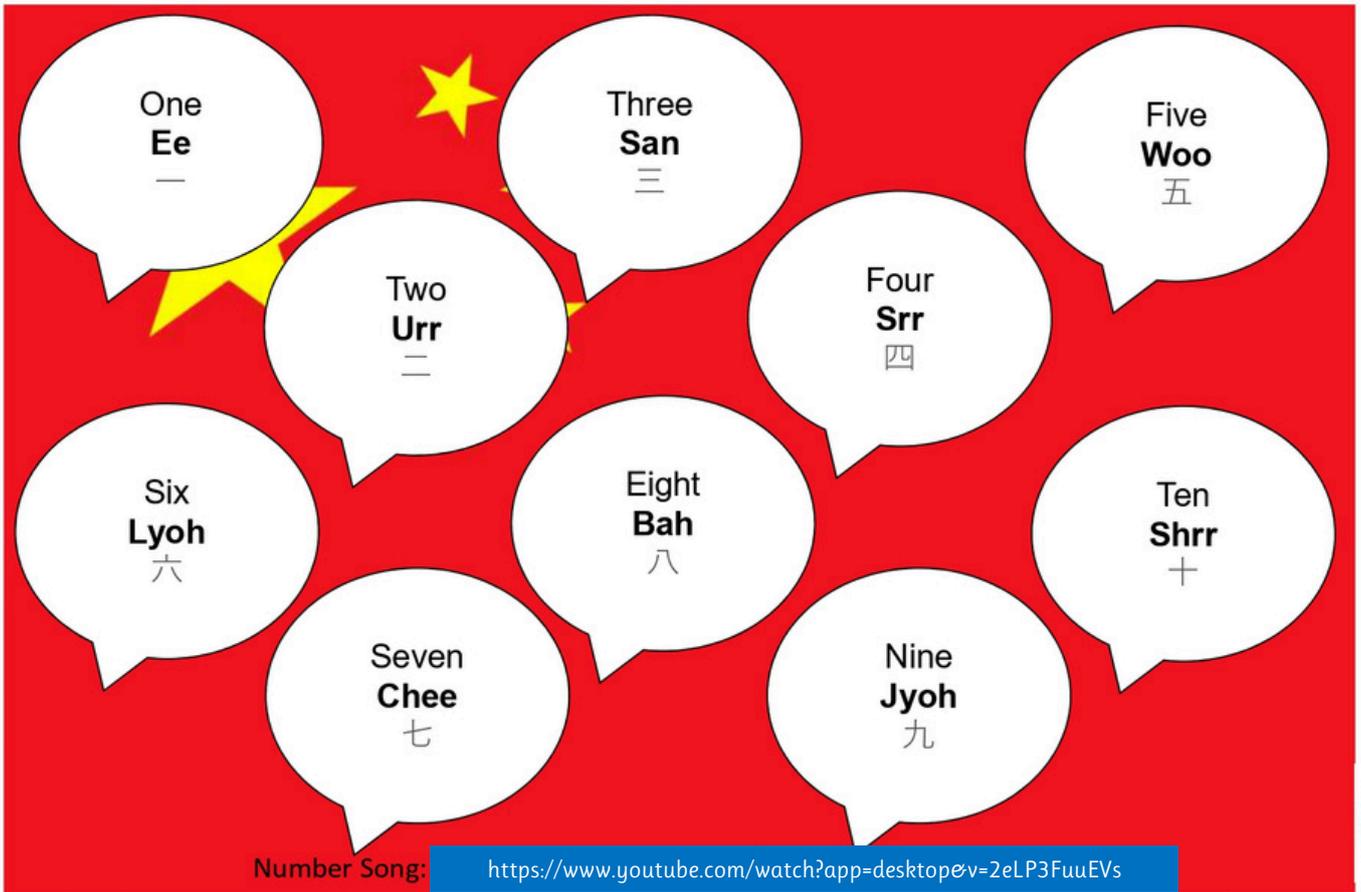
Please
Qǐng
请

Good afternoon
Sshyah-woo
haoww
下午好

No
Boo-shrr
不是

Goodbye
Zàijiàn
再见

January - Chinese



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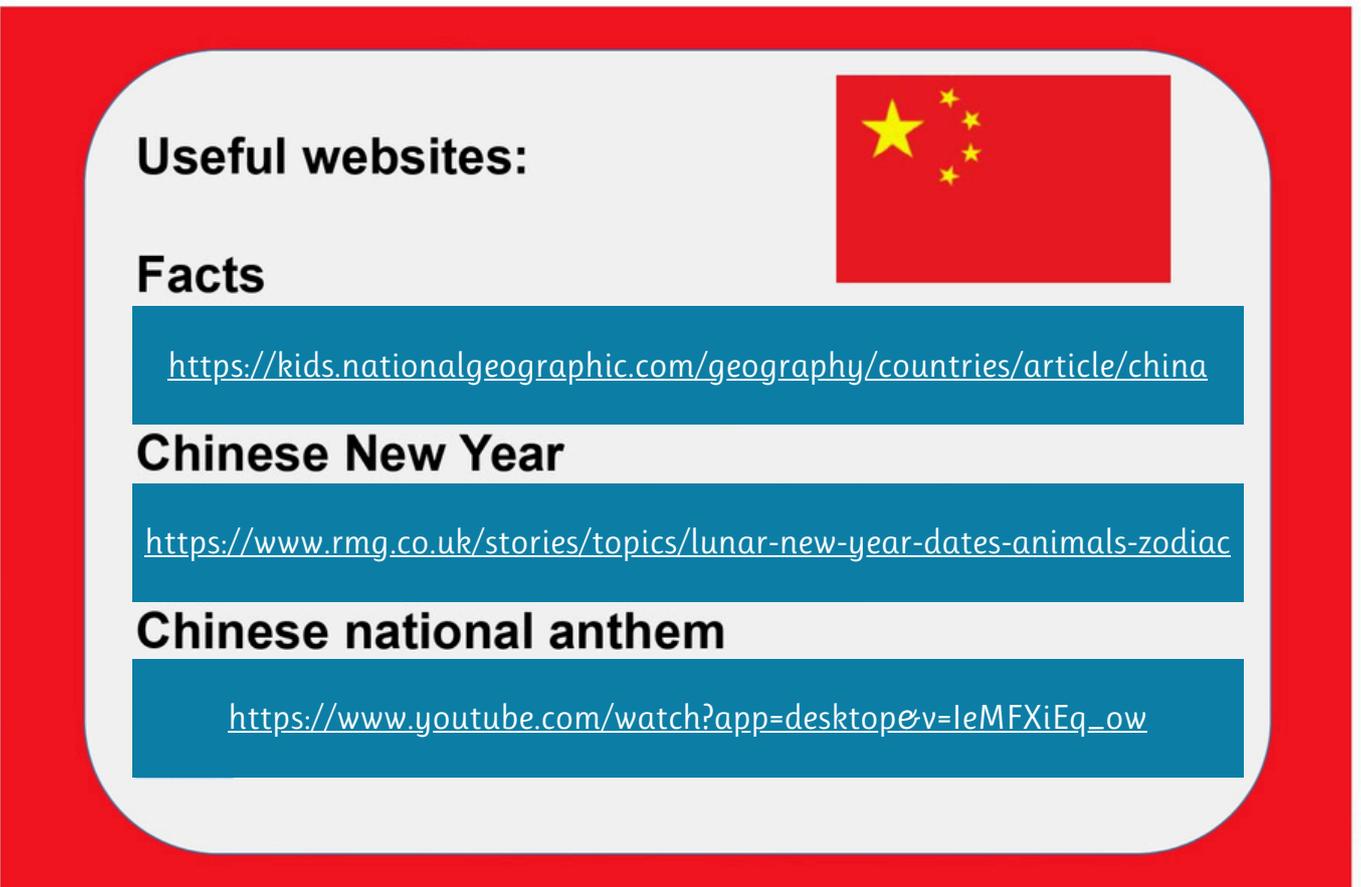
Seven
Chee
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Eight
Bah
八

Nine
Jyoh
九

Ten
Shrr
十

Number Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=2eLP3FuuEVs>

Useful websites:



Facts

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries/article/china>

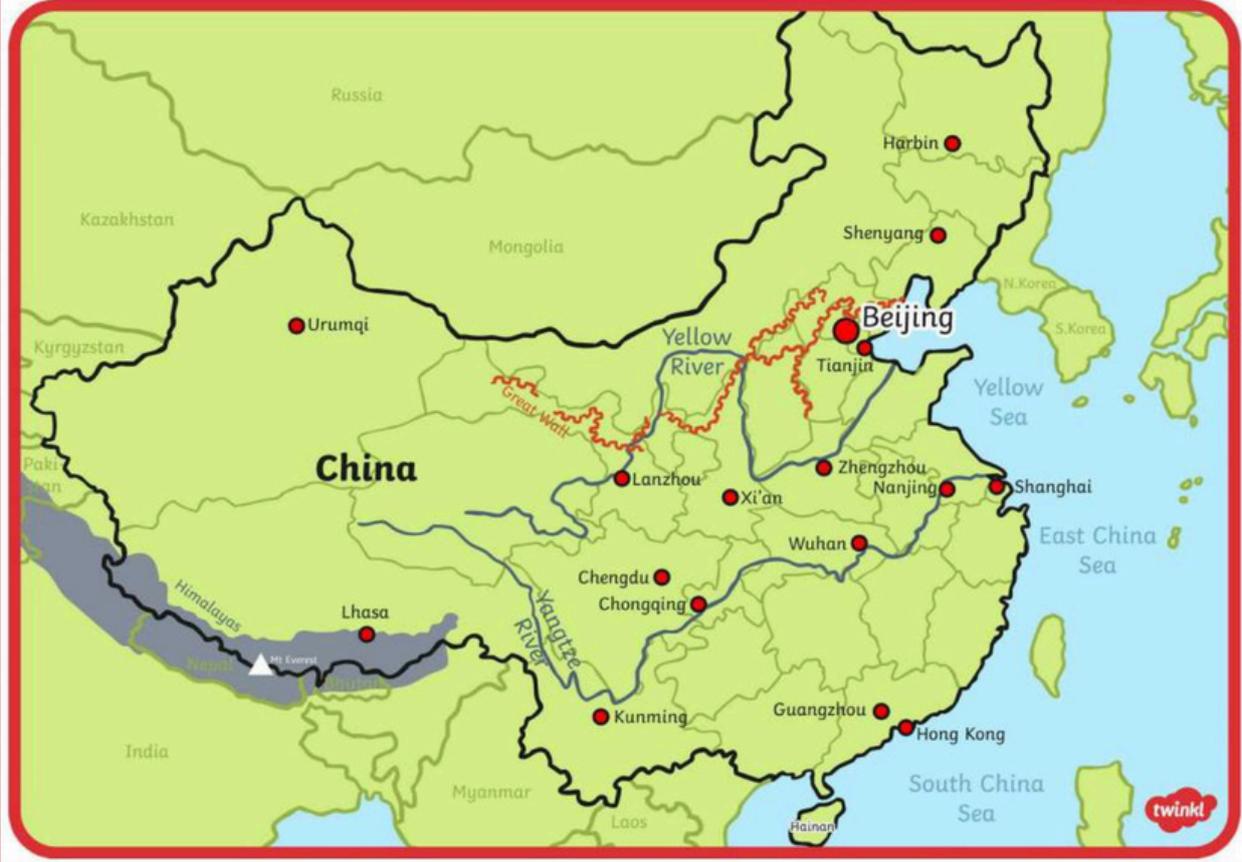
Chinese New Year

<https://www.rmg.co.uk/stories/topics/lunar-new-year-dates-animals-zodiac>

Chinese national anthem

https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=leMFXiEq_ow







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Why is my child worrying?

Worries/fears are **normal**.

Worries **come and go**.

Sometimes worries can grow over time and stop your child from doing something or going somewhere.

For example, they may make your child:

- Avoid going to a park where there may be dogs that frighten them
- Avoid going upstairs on their own at home
- Avoid speaking to new people
- Have sleep difficulties
- Feel less confident in themselves, thus unable to do their best or enjoy activities



BHP090 CYFF 07.12.20 v.1.0 - Getting Help Slough Primary School

Working together to create positive changes:

We can think of all behaviour as a form of communication. When we hold this in mind it's important we try to understand what drives behaviour. This can often be difficult for children and young people to express or identify themselves.

Through our interventions we will work together with you to help identify needs and emotions underlying the behaviour. This greater understanding offers the opportunity to explore helpful coping strategies to create positive changes over time.



<https://cyf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/mhst>

This leaflet has been adapted from Burton and Uttoxeter MHST, Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust with kind permission.

Mental Health Support Team (5-18 years)

Mental Health Support for Children of Primary School Age



This leaflet is for
children aged 5-11 years

If you would like to hear more about our service please contact us via:
CAMHSGettingHelpEast@berkshire.nhs.uk

Who are we?

Mental Health Support Team (MHST) supports children and young people with emerging, mild or moderate mental health difficulties which may be affecting day to day life.

The MHST is a new initiative and the service is being offered to 14 participating schools in Slough.

We offer selected schools:

- Interventions to support children with mild to moderate mental health difficulties
- Surgeries for staff
- Mental Health Network meetings
- Staff training and support schools to have more of a focus on emotional wellbeing and mental health
- Peer mentoring
- Online access to resources and peer support on emotional wellbeing and mental health for parents/carers and professionals via digital platforms called SHARON

Depending on the age of the child or young person, we may work either directly with them or with their parents/carers. We also work with school staff supporting them to have a greater focus on emotional health and wellbeing in the various aspects of school life.

The team consists of:

- Team Lead
- Educational Mental Health Practitioners (EMHPs)
- Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) Therapist / Clinical Supervisor
- Clinical Psychologist / Senior Clinical Supervisor
- Administrator

Ways we can support you

- Managing fears and worries
- Separation anxiety
- Panic attacks
- Phobias eg: dogs, the dark
- Behavioural and sleep difficulties
- Problem solving

What to expect

After an initial assessment with both you and your child, we work collaboratively with you, the parent/carer, over 6-8 sessions. These sessions may consist of:

- Learning about the cause and maintenance of anxiety/behavioural difficulties in children
- Setting and working towards goals that your child would like to achieve
- Developing techniques in sessions that you can use at home when supporting your child

How to get support

If you would like support, you have three options:

As a parent/carer you can refer your child

Self-refer by sending an email request for a referral form to:

CAMHSGettingHelpEast@berkshire.nhs.uk

or call the MHST on 0300 365 0123

Your School Contact

Contact the Mental Health Lead in school and request a referral to the MHST.

By post

Request a referral form by writing to:

CAMHS Getting Help East Service

Fir Tree House, Upton Hospital
Albert Street, Slough, SL1 2BJ

If your child is having suicidal thoughts or extreme mental health difficulties and you need to talk to someone now, you can contact our mental health support team by calling 0300 365 1234.

Early intervention in childhood has long-term benefits such as improving self-esteem, social development and performance at school





**17TH-21ST
FEB**

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9AM - 3PM - £24

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- Outdoor Sports
- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- Team Competitions
- Dodgeball
- Balloon Volleyball
- Dance
- Parachute Games
- Individual Challenges



Priory School;

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