

## Oak Class Homework

### Ongoing homework

Children in Oak Class are expected to complete the following activities as ongoing homework throughout the whole year:

- Regular reading practice with levelled reading books from school – these can be changed daily as long as a comment has been written in reading records to confirm that the book has been read.
- Regular reading for pleasure with books selected from home.
- Regular spelling practice for weekly spelling tests – tests will take place on a Monday morning. Practice activities can be accessed via Purple Mash website, or you could try any of the activities on the spelling activity sheet.
- Regular access to Times Tables Rockstars to improve speed and recall of multiplication and division facts.

Login details for Purple Mash and Times Tables Rockstars are stuck inside children's reading records.

### Year 4 Presentations

Year 4 pupils will be asked to make a short presentation each half term on a chosen topic. The presentation should be prepared at home and can include props or a slideshow. It can also just be a spoken presentation with no additional features. Children should aim for the presentation to last 2 or 3 minutes and they are encouraged to practise at home to work on skills such as looking at their audience, speaking loudly/clearly and making the presentation engaging.

For this half term, the children have asked if they can choose their own topics for presentation. I have suggested that presentations should be based around a topic of interest to the children and something which they think others will find interesting – this could be a hobby, an interest, a film, a piece of music, a piece of art, a sport, a game, etc. Children should be able to talk about why they have chosen this as the topic of their presentation as well as presenting it in an engaging way.

Presentations will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

### Optional homework activities – The Wider World

These are some ideas and suggestions for optional activities or work you might like to do at home with your child, related to our topic this half term. Work can be submitted by the children at any time this half term and will be displayed in the classroom. This list is not exhaustive so if you have your own ideas, please do create your own projects!

### English

- One of the colours often seen during Chinese New Year is red. Make a list of words that rhyme with the word red, e.g. bed. Write a Chinese New Year poem with the rhyming words you've listed.
- Watch [the story of Chinese New Year](#) and then retell the story in your own words. Use pictures to make your story more interesting and entertaining. You could even tell the story as a comic strip.

### Maths/Science

零	一	二	三	四	五	六	七	八	九	十
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Create your own Chinese number line. Can you research how to write the number that comes next and continue the number line? How high can you get?

- Research which animals are native to China and create a fact file about them. Include information about their habitat, what they eat and what their main predators are, if any.

## Art/DT

- Fireworks are often seen during Chinese New Year. Paint or draw a firework picture. You could use crayons, pens, paint or eco-glitter and glue.
- Make a model dragon - you could use cardboard tubes and boxes, playdough, construction toys or natural materials like leaves and pebbles.
- Use paper to make a lantern such as those used during Chinese New Year celebrations. There are lots of tutorial videos online – see if you can find one you like and follow the instructions!

## History/Geography

- Read the information [on this website](#) and then make your own fact file about China. Include information about the flag, population, rivers, mountains, landmarks and animals that live there.
- Use these websites to find out three facts [about London](#) and three facts [about Beijing](#).
  - o Population
  - o Parks
  - o Landmarks

Are these similar or different? Write a short comparison of Beijing and London. Which would you prefer to live in and why? How do these compare to Summerbridge?

## Computing

- Use Purple Mash “2 Code” (Free Code Chimp) to create your own animation set in China. Search to find appropriate backgrounds and characters before coding the animation.

