

Y1/2 Learning Leaflet

Spring Term 2026



Welcome back!

Meet the team:

Miss Marlow

Mr Leybourne

Mrs Daley

Mrs Collins

Mrs Kelly

Miss Doust

Miss Doherty

Mrs Shaikh

Miss Begum

Miss Calcutt

Welcome back to school. We hope you have had a lovely Christmas holiday and are ready to do some exciting work this term.

We are starting a new topic this half term called 'Let's Explore China.' We will be identifying where China is compared to the UK on a globe and looking at similarities and differences between city life and rural life in China as well as comparing life in China to life in the UK. We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year with the children and exploring other traditions and customs through our art and Design Technology lessons. The children will make their own Chinese dragons and lanterns, we will be exploring, tasting and making food native to China.

The focus in science this term will be animals and humans. We will be identifying and naming a variety of

common animals, looking at their diets and deciding if they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. We will also look at animals native to China such as the panda.

We will be supporting our topic through a variety of texts linked to our theme such as 'Lin Yi's Lantern' by Brenda Williams, 'The Great Race' by Christopher Corr, 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson and 'Winnie and Wilbur at Chinese New Year' by Valerie Thomas.

As the school term develops, we will post information and examples of the children's work on the Year 1 and 2 pages of the school website. The address for the school website is:

www.stmarystbenedict.coventry.sch.uk

Even better if...

- **You can** support your child with their homework.
- **You can** ensure that your child has a pencil and a number line to help them complete their homework tasks.
- **You can** hear your child read at home as often as possible and **record it in their reading diaries**

Thank you

The Spring Term Curriculum

Maths

Number and place value
Addition and subtraction
Money
Properties of shape
Multiplication and division
Measures – Mass

Let's Explore China



English

RWI
Literacy and language
Letters/ Postcards
Recounts
Story writing
Poetry
Information text

Science

Observing animals
Comparing animals
Animal Diets
Sorting animals
Animals native to China

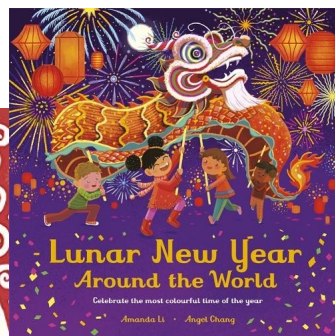
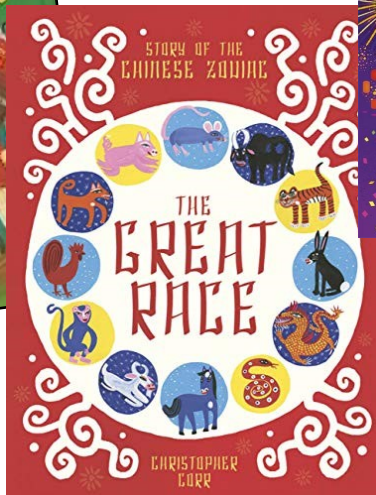
Topic

- Where is China
- What is life like in China?
- I can name some cities and rivers in China
- How is China different to where we live?
- What and when is Chinese New Year?

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The birth of Jesus/ the Wise Men
The life of Jesus
The Prodigal Son
Forgiveness/ Sin
Prayer of St Francis

We will be reading some of the following titles in literacy:



Key Dates for the Spring Term

Monday 5th January	Value of the month: Thoughtfulness
Tuesday 6th January	Epiphany Mass
Tuesday 27th January:	DRAGON DANCE WORKSHOP
Sunday 1st February	Value of the month: Caring
Friday 13th February	Break up for Half Term Break
Tuesday 17th February	Chinese New Year— year of the Horse
Sunday 22nd February	First Sunday in Lent
Monday 23rd February	Return to school
Sunday 1st March	St David's day Value of the month: Empathy
Thursday 5th March	WORLD BOOK DAY
Monday 16th March	Mass in Hall
Monday 23rd March	Mass in Hall
Tuesday 24th March	KSI book look
Thursday 26th March	Stations of the Cross
Friday 27th March	Break up for Easter Holiday

So, how can you help at home?

It would be extremely helpful if you would take time to read with your child every night and talk to them about the book they are reading. Support them by asking them about the plot and the characters, how they think the story might continue, and when they finish a book, ask them if they would recommend it to a friend. Please record in the reading diary!

We will communicate with you through the school weekly newsletter, and as a phase we will inform you of out of school learning opportunities so please check your child's reading packet everyday. We will also update the website with current information and events the children have been involved in during the term.

If you would like to support the school ethos, then you are always most welcome to attend Mass either at school or at the Parish church of St Mary and St Benedict . Please also come and support the children at the Friday assemblies too, which celebrate their learning. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any questions, please come and speak with any member of the Year 1 and 2 team.

Together with Christ everyone achieves more