

# FARTINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Year 3 and 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer Terms 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that, despite the wet and cold, you have all had a good Easter break, and the children are looking forward to the new term. I'm sur you would all like to see photos from our residential, so we have uploaded a selection to the website.

This term's topic for Key Stage 2 is China.

### Literacy

In English, the children will continue to develop their reading and writing skills, through texts linked to the topic. Grammar, punctuation and spelling will continue to be an important aspect of the curriculum, and as much as possible we will explore SPaG through shared texts to make it meaningful, and hopefully embed the use of technical terminology. The spelling focus will again be the set list of words for lower key stage 2, with an emphasis on children identifying and using spelling patterns and rules, and most importantly using spellings correctly in their written work. I have been really impressed with the way the children have engaged with the reading challenge, it is a great way to explore text types and they really seem to be enjoying it.

### Maths

The focus of maths will continue to be increasing fluency of number, and mastery of number, using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to solve a variety of problems. There will continue to be an emphasis placed on learning multiplication and corresponding division facts, so that by the end of year 4 they know all their tables by heart. I have introduced the children to a very good website which supports learning of times tables, and would encourage you to use this as often as possible to help your child learn these facts ([www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk)). The children will continue to use Easimaths to support their learning, and I will do regular assessments of their multiplication and division facts.

### Science

The first part of term the children will continue to learn about plants, and hopefully as the weather improves, we will get to use the outdoor learning environment to witness plant growth first hand. The second science topic will explore 'states of matter', solids, liquids and gases. We will also continue to visit Greatworth Farm, learning about the environment, farming and plant and animal life cycles.

### Homework

The children should read on a daily basis and, wherever possible, be read to by an adult. The children will have a target in their reading record, which will help guide your discussions about a text. They should also be learning their spellings, and I would suggest that they do so this term by practising them in sentences dictated by an adult.

Kind regards,

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Class Teacher

