

Dear Parent / Carer

For the week beginning **Monday 21st January 2019**

Topic this term: Travelling Tales - China

We will be:

- Using Google Earth to find where China is on our planet.
- Looking at what life is like in China.
- Investigating facts about the Great Wall of China.
- Constructing our own Great Wall.
- Thinking about how to be a good friend.
- Finding one more and one less than a given number.
- Thinking of words that begin with 'ch'

Things to do at home:

- make a Great Wall out of Lego or blocks and upload to Tapestry.
- bring something from home that begins with 'ch'.
- talk about friendships. Who are your friends? What do you do together? Why are they your friends? How can you be a good friend?

We are so pleased with how quickly the children have settled into the school routines after their Christmas holidays. Lots of children have made fantastic progress already with reading, writing and maths. This term we are going to be working towards becoming more independent with looking after our own belongings and personal needs independently. This includes, hanging up coats/jumpers and cardigans, putting away bookbags, lunchboxes and play equipment when not in use and for some, independently using the toilet and remembering to wash our hands. To achieve the expected level in the Physical Development Early Learning Goal children should '*manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs successfully, including dressing and going to the toilet independently*'. You can help at home by encouraging children to put their toys away, put their coat, school bag and shoes away neatly and get dressed/undressed by themselves. We know how frustrating it is when they come home with misplaced jumpers/cardigans but many of them have no names inside and this can make life very difficult for them. .

Thank you from Miss Fairey and Mrs Cranage