

China

In Year 2, we have been exploring the culture of China. This exciting topic lasts for a whole term, giving us lots of time to learn about different parts of this amazing country. Our journey begins by finding China on a world map, which helps us understand where it is in relation to the UK while talking about nearby countries and how big it is compared to others. Next, we compare the lives of people in China with those in the UK, looking at daily routines, family life, and celebrations. This helps us think about how children in China play, learn, and spend their free time, showing us the differences from our own experiences.

Then, we look at what school is like for children in China. We learn about the subjects they study, the meals they eat, and the rules they follow. We also compare our schooling experiences, especially in areas like uniforms and breaks. Moving on to farming, we discover the different types of farming in China, such as rice growing and tea planting, and we talk about the importance of farming in helping people feed their families.

For our creative work, we get to design and make our own colourful Chinese lanterns, learning why they are important during festivals like the Lantern Festival. We also learn about pandas, one of China's most famous animals, by sketching them in Art classes and finding out about their habitats, diets, and the efforts made to protect them. We study key events in Chinese history, placing them on a timeline to understand when they occurred and why they matter, including an overview of ancient times and how China has changed over the centuries.

We also discover the Terracotta Army, which consists of thousands of clay soldiers made for the tomb of China's first emperor. After learning about this, we create our own terracotta warriors in class to bring history alive. We learn about the emperors of China from the past and their dynasties, including stories about their lives, achievements, and how they ruled. We discuss how their choices affected the country and its people. Furthermore, we explore famous Chinese landmarks, such as the Great Wall and the Forbidden City, discovering their importance to Chinese culture and history.

In addition to this, we look at why tea is significant in China, including its history and how it is enjoyed every day. We learn about the Silk Road, an ancient trade route that connected China to other parts of the world, and its impact on trade and culture. Finally, we have fun designing and making our own moving Chinese dragons and flags, learning about the symbols and colours used in Chinese flags and what they mean, as well as the significance of dragons in Chinese culture. This topic helps us learn more about China and its culture while enjoying different activities and projects!

