English

We will be practicing sentence punctuation (including exclamation marks and question marks) and connectives (and, so, but, because) through a variety of writing tasks and styles. These will include exploring the characters in the story of The Magic Paintbrush, retelling and reimagining this story as well as writing a factfile about Pandas. The children will also have the opportunity to practice writing creative narratives through independent story writing.

Maths

This term we will revisit and revise 2D and 3D shapes, knowing the differences and to be able to describe the shape using correct vocabulary (faces, vertices, edges and sides). We will continue to practise counting forwards and backwards to and from 100 and use number facts to know how to make 10 and 20. We will continue to develop and use addition and subtraction skills to solve and answer word problems.

Year 1 - Term 5

Week 1 - Where is China?
We will locate China on a map and compare the capital city of Beijing with London. As well as this we will learn about 'mega cities'.

Week 2 - The Varied Landscapes of China: Mountains
We will explore the many mountainous regions in China, learning the names of a few key places. We will find out what it is like to live in the Chinese mountains, including going to school and the climate.

Week 3 - The Varied Landscapes of China: Deserts
We will focus on the deserts within China and how this compares with the city locations we are familiar with seeing. We will think about how to survive in the extreme weather conditions.

Week 4 - Chinese Culture
We will look at types of food eaten in China and compare typical Chinese meals with our own. We will have the chance to look at eating etiquette in China and have a go with chop-sticks. Learning some words and phrases in Mandarin and looking at the Chinese script, will form the focus of the week. We will also have the chance to try out some Tai Chi.

Week 5 -
Art inspired by China
We will look at China's varied weather and climate and comparing it to our own weather and seasons. We complete our topic with an exciting range of art projects. Cutting skills will help us make Chinese lanterns and drawing and collage skills will be developed through making Willow Pattern plates and beautiful blossom pictures.

Key Skills

We have key skills that we would like to be developed over this unit of work. These are:

Science:
- To keep a record of the weather for each day of the term
- To perform simple tests
- To observe and identify plants.

Art:
- To create a landscape picture using different materials.
- To develop fine motor skill through cutting and sticking.

Geography:
- To know the countries that make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities.
- To be able to find China on a world map and to find the capital city.
- To compare different landscapes in China - especially in relation to temperature.