



Northenden Community School

Class Information for Parents



Class **Year**
Term **Summer 1 2025**
Theme **What it's like to live in Shanghai**

**Message from
the teacher**

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and joyful Easter break. This half term, we're embarking on an exciting geographical journey in our topic: **"What is it like to live in Shanghai?"**

We'll begin by exploring features in our local area, identifying physical features like rivers and parks, and human features such as buildings and roads. Using atlases, we'll locate Europe and Asia to understand where Shanghai is situated in the world. Then, we'll delve into the vibrant city of Shanghai, comparing its environment, architecture, and lifestyle with those of Northenden.

BASIC SKILLS in ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS and COMPUTING/ICT



In READING lessons, the children will ...

- Continue with daily Read, Write, Inc phonics sessions.
- Continue to recognise and blend sounds to read words.
- Read books that match phonics level to build confidence.



In WRITING lessons, the children will ...

- Write for different purposes, including narrative, recount and poetry.
- Begin to use a wider range of vocabulary and grammar.
- Use past tense.
- Join ideas using conjunctions *and*, and *but*.
- Focus on using capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces correctly and consistently.



In MATHEMATICS lessons, the children will

- Explore multiplication and division by making equal groups, sharing, and grouping objects.
- Begin to understand fractions by finding halves and quarters of shapes, objects, and quantities.
- Describe position, direction, and movement, using language like 'left,' 'right,' 'forwards,' and 'backwards.'

OTHER SUBJECTS (our topic has a Geography focus)

In **GEOGRAPHY** we will ...

- Recognise physical and human features in our local area.
- Draw a simple sketch map of our school and local surroundings.
- Use an atlas to locate Europe and Asia, identifying where Shanghai is situated.
- Learn about the physical and human features of Shanghai.
- Compare the features of Shanghai with those of Northenden, focusing on similarities and differences.

In **SCIENCE** lessons, the children will

- learn to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.
- Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.

In **PSHCE** we will ...

- Learn about families
- Similarities & Differences
- Body parts.

A letter with more details on what will be covered in **sex education and what date the lessons will take place will be sent out within the second week of term.*

In **ART AND DESIGN** we will ...

- Explore paper-based 3D art forms, focusing on techniques like rolling paper tubes, shaping paper strips, and constructing imaginative sculptures.
- Develop our skills in creating 3D structures and applying painting techniques in three-dimensional art, helping us to understand form and construction.
- Make creative choices about our sculptures, such as how we arrange the tubes and which colours we place next to each other.
- Glue paper strips and tubes securely to a base, overlapping some to add extra detail.
- Work successfully with others, keeping up our effort over time.
- Paint carefully with good technique, making sure we get great coverage.

In **MUSIC** we will ...

- Identify and perform high and low notes.
- Create and perform a two-note and three-note pattern.
- Identify and perform changes in tempo.
- Contribute musical ideas and cooperate within a group.

In **COMPUTING / ICT** lessons, the children will

- Learn how to log in and navigate around a computer while creating digital art word.

In **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** we will...

- Explore how and why we celebrate special and sacred times?



PE lessons will take place on TUESDAYs

Please make sure children come in their PE kit

In our PE lessons, the children will ...

- Develop and apply their sending and receiving, and reaction and response through focused skill development sessions, thematic stories and games.



YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME BY ...

- **Reading with your child everyday** - Reading with your child at home is vital for their development. It enhances vocabulary, strengthens comprehension, and fosters a love for learning. Regular reading also supports emotional growth and builds confidence across all areas of the curriculum.
- Help your child to learn their spellings each week for their spelling test on Fridays.