

Home Learning – Friday, 12 February

There are three tasks today.

<https://www.loom.com/share/003b3af3b0ea4c039a1f7d3788c00844>

As today is the Chinese new year, you are going to be delving into China. It is a country with a number of serious political problems and its leaders don't always do things that we would accept as fair and right in the United Kingdom. However, the country and its people are varied and interesting and worth exploring and knowing more about.

There are approximately 1.4 billion people in China (that's approximately 1,439,323,776 people by midway through last year). In the UK there's about 70 million. There are many languages spoken in China, but the main one is Mandarin, spoken by 955 million people – it is the most spoken language in the world! If you want a job when you are older that might open doorways for you to travel and live in different places around the world, then learning Mandarin could be a huge help. International companies need people who can speak Mandarin.

So today you are going to take your first step into learning about that language.

Take a look at this website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zsbc87h>

There are seven sections on the webpage: Games, Mandarin skills, Phonics, Songs and Stories, Make Your Own, Topics and Life in China.

Your first task: explore a minimum of five sections. There is a morning of activities on the website. You can watch clips about the lives of children, you can play games, make crafts, read stories, learn the language and many other things.

I would like you to record yourself saying these three phrases and one word and then send them to me on Class Dojo.

- 1) Hello...
- 2) My name is... (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkr3gwx/articles/zfw9d6f>)
- 3) I live in...
- 4) The word 'parents' or 'father' or 'mother'. (Go into the Topics section and see if you can find it.)

...and please don't be embarrassed trying to pronounce the sounds. I've been making myself laugh having a go all morning! I need a lot of practice. 😊

Your second task:

Send me 5 facts about China that I never knew! (I can't check this, but I would like you to double-check your facts before you send them to me. Does another website or book agree with your fact?)

Your third task:

What do the stars on the Chinese flag represent? (Again, I can't check this, but I would like you to double-check your answer before you send it to me. Does another website or book agree with your fact?)