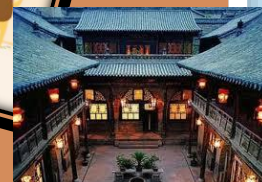
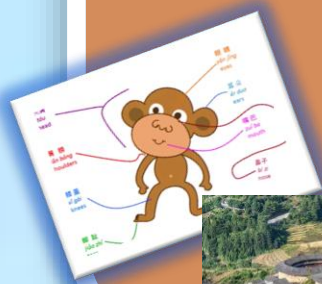




During the initial portion of the summer term at Anchorsholme Academy, we are incredibly proud of those who sat their YCT 1, 2, and 3 tests in May. Your hard work and determination are truly commendable. We sincerely appreciate everyone for dedicating extra time to study for your YCT tests.



During Mandarin lessons, Foundation and Key Stage 1 students have made remarkable progress in learning how to express their family members in Mandarin. Additionally, they have learnt the popular song 'Head, Shoulders, Knees, and toes' in Mandarin. Key stage 1 has revisited learning their colour with fun classroom quizzes. During culture sessions, Key Stage 1 has learned about the Terracotta Warriors, while the Foundation Year has watched a video exploring various architectural styles of houses found in China.





Key Stage 2, students have focused on revisiting numbers, connecting them with time, dates, and months in Mandarin. With the improved weather, they have enjoyed engaging outdoor activities such as group skipping and making and flying kites.

Key Stage 2 has learned about the connection between kite flying and a special festival in China known as Tomb Sweeping Day or Qingming Festival. "Qingming" means "clear and bright," reflecting the typically good weather during this time of year. Children have learnt that this festival has been celebrated for over 2,500 years, the Qingming Festival dates to ancient China, when people honoured their ancestors and welcomed the new farming season. Families visit their ancestors' graves, clean the tombstones and surrounding areas, remove weeds, sweep away dirt, and tidy up the site. They bring flowers, food, and other offerings to the graves, and might also burn incense. These practices associated with the festival, emphasizing love, respect, symbolizing renewal, and new beginnings and care for one's parents and ancestors. It's an opportunity for families to come together, remember their loved ones, and spend quality time together.

Flying kites is a popular activity during this festival, believed to drive away evil spirits and bring good luck. People to enjoy the fresh spring weather, often by going for picnics or hikes in the countryside.





The Mandarin team are continuing with the reward system, allowing all children to start accumulating points towards their Panda badges.

250 points



100 points



50 points



200 points



150 points



**Well Done!**

To those children in different Year groups who have already received points towards their Panda badges.

Students participating in the UK-China Exchange program had their first online PE activity with a PE teacher from China. It was a lot of fun, involving running exercises that helped the children strengthen their arms and legs and improve their balance.



The moment you've all been waiting for: the year classes that achieved exceptionally high scores collectively in their end of Spring Mandarin assessments, trophies went out to the following classes at the beginning of the summer term.

Trophy
Reception: Blue class
Year 1: Class 1
Year 2: Class 4
Year 3: Class 7
Year 4: Class 12
Year 5: Class 14
Year 6: Class 16



Congratulations to all the students who participated in their assessments and gave their best effort!

**The Mandarin team wishes everyone a fantastic half term!**

zhè shì wǒ de jiā rén  
这是我的家人  
This is my family

