

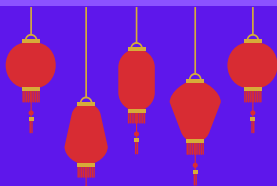
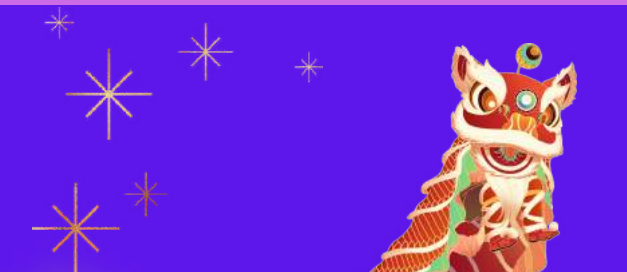
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Learning Hub

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you've all had a much needed break. We've got lots going on this term and we're looking forward to seeing you all soon in The Learning Hub!

NEW YEAR



Chinese New Year

By Olivia Evans

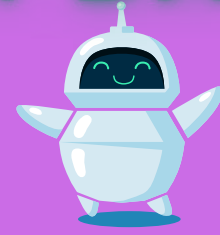


The Chinese New Year starts on Sunday 22 January 2023, traditionally for the new year in China (or people of Chinese heritage) will give each red envelopes and other gifts known as Hong Bao (in Mandarin) or Lai See (in Cantonese). As well as offering sacrifices to ancestors, eating meals as a family and traditional lion and dragon dancers perform a traditional dance known as longwu (龙舞) or longdeng (龙灯). This is done to ward off evil spirits and to bring in the new year. The new year of the year of the rabbit is said to bring peace and a sense of calm. Those born in the year of the rabbit are said to be vigilant, witty, quick-minded, and ingenious. So Xīnnián hǎo (新年好 -Mandarin) HAPPY NEW YEAR.

NATIONAL SCI-FI DAY



by nathan waters



National Sci-Fi Day takes place on the 2nd of January 2023 and is the perfect time to celebrate your favourite pieces of science fiction. It is believed that Sci-fi first emerged in the literature world during the late 16th and 17th centuries. However, it could be attributed to the first piece of recorded fiction- The Epic of Gilgamesh. It is an immensely popular genre of literature, and in recent years has become highly popular in movies and TV too.

Isaac Asimov is considered one of the fathers of modern science fiction. He has written and edited hundreds of science fiction stories, long and short. He even coined the term Robotics!

Some popular sci-fi books are:

- The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells
- Dune by Frank Herbert
- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
- Nineteen Eighty-Four by George Orwell
- Hyperion by Dan Simmons

My personal recommendation for sci-fi literature would be Shakara- it is split up into two graphic novels by Robbie Morrison and Henry Flint. The visuals and story of these novels are near-unmatched and it is truly a hidden gem.

Teacher Shout Out Box!



Has a member of staff gone above and beyond for you? Gone out of their way to help? Or just simply held a door open for you? Tell us and we'll let them know you appreciate them! In the learning hub, we have a 'shout out' box, put the name of the member of staff you want to give a shout out, and the reason why. Then we will send a weekly email with your comments on.

SHERLOCK HOLMES BIRTHDAY

BY SOPHIE RUSHTON

January 6th. Sherlock Holmes' birthday. Everyone knows who he is, but few know anything about him. For example, did you know that Sherlock Holmes is the most portrayed human character in the world? With over 350 actors playing him across stage, film and tv, spanning over 100 years, Holmes has certainly been an incredibly influential character. Known for his impressive deduction skills, Holmes is only at the scene of a crime for a few seconds before noticing details that others were oblivious to. It is these qualities that have catapulted Sherlock Holmes to being the most famous literary detective.



“Once you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.” – Sherlock Holmes

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January

Storytelling
Week

1 Su	New Year's Day	
2 Mo	Substitute day	1
3 Tu	Start of Term 2A (Spring)	
4 We	World Braille Day	
5 Th	Twelfth Night	
6 Fr		
7 Sa		
8 Su		
9 Mo		2
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11 We		
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14 Sa		
15 Su		
16 Mo	Martin Luther King Day	3
17 Tu		
18 We	Winnie the Pooh Day	
19 Th		
20 Fr		
21 Sa		
22 Su	Chinese New Year	
23 Mo		4
24 Tu		
25 We	Burns Night	
26 Th		
27 Fr		
28 Sa	International LEGO Day	
29 Su		
30 Mo		5
31 Tu	International Zebra Day	

