Year 2 updates – 20th Jan 2025 – 30th Jan 2025

This fortnight, the children have been exploring the continent of Asia. We have used our Montessori cultural materials, to show the children where Asia is on the globe, transition to flat maps using our puzzle map of the world, created drawings on Asia and looked at our Asia continent folder. The children were really fascinated to see how different the architecture was in areas of Asia, as well as the different jobs people did – such as tea picking, dying silks on the river or decorating parasols with beautiful pictures.

Towards the end of the fortnight, the children carefully looked at special Chinese artefacts together in groups. They were especially fascinated in the Chinese lunar calendar display, the Chinese writing and the traditional Chinese clothes. They said the clothes felt very soft and shiny as they were made from silk and satin.

We told the story of ‘The Chinese New Year’ and discussed the different animals featured. The children learnt that this lunar year was the year of the snake and they made some wonderful 3D snakes in the afternoon to represent this. We finished the fortnight by having a delicious Chinese banquet. It was really yummy and a very special occasion for us to celebrate together. We will continue to explore the Chinese New Year next week too.

We completed our shape topic, by going on shape walks around the garden and creating shapes with our bodies. It was such fun. An interactive shapes activity has been sent home for you to enjoy with your children whilst you are out and about together. We can’t wait to see all the shapes you have found on the CMT Facebook page!