

VIP Newsletter

Spring 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy start for VIPs so far. We have written this newsletter to inform you of the educational and fun activities we have prepared for your children to participate in. We hope you enjoy reading!

About Us

VIPs are a committee of enthusiastic Year 6s who are passionate about ways of living in other countries. We have meetings to discuss our plans for events such as The Festival of Languages in March.

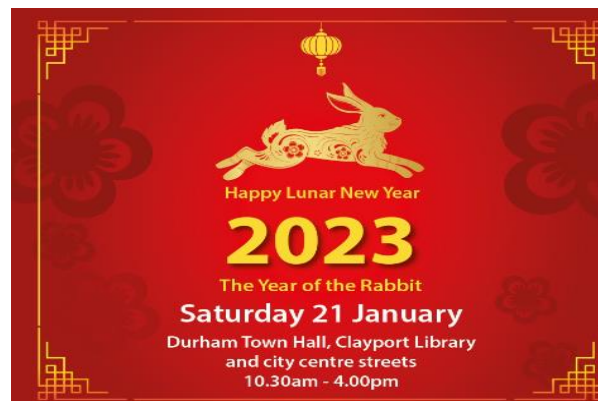
Christmas

Last term, we came up with the idea of having an international Christmas. That means we celebrate and embrace traditions from other countries for this special season. We also learnt about Christmas in countries where some of our children have families such as Poland, Croatia and Greece.

Lunar New Year - 21st January

Lunar New Year is based on the Moon's orbit instead of the Sun's. For the year 2023 the zodiac animal representative will be the rabbit. Throughout the school, children have learnt about the Year of the Rabbit and have enjoyed a range of activities.

Year 6 have been working with students from Durham University - who have told us all about traditions in China during Lunar New Year, taught us how to wish our families a Happy New Year and have also supported us in practising our play for the festival in Durham. On Saturday the 21st, Shincliffe School took some pupils and some VIPs from Year 6 to visit Durham city for its annual Lunar New Year festival. We performed the 'Great Race' (to anyone who doesn't know, the great race is the ancient story of how the animals of the zodiac were selected) at the town hall in Durham market place. Thank you to everyone who came to see us and support us.





Future events

We are looking forward to taking part in the Festival of Languages in March. We will update more in our next newsletter.

Thank you for reading our newsletter!

From Julia and Erini, members of VIPs