Knowledge Organiser – Reception – The Magic Paintbrush – Spring 1

Festivals, Celebrations and Events

Season – Winter 29th January – Lunar New Year 14th February – St Valentine's Day 4th March – Shrove Tuesday

I can...

Talk about the season, Winter.

Describe some Lunar New Year Traditions

Talk about the important people in my life
and why I love them

Explore the origins of Shrove Tuesday

Key Questions

What does winter look like?
How do people celebrate
Lunar New Year?
Who is important to you?
Why? What is
Shrove Tuesday?

Vocabulary winter, season, celebrate, Lunar New Year, St Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday, Lent, important

Literacy Tree

story of The Magic Paintbrush, the class meet Shen who loves to paint and draw. Shen is presented with a

magic brush but she is to only use it for good. In the story, she overcomes a greedy Emperor who sets his dragon upon Shen. The children create their own dragon-like monsters and write an own-version narrative by changing the items that their main character paints.

I can...

Through the

Share my ideas and listen to my friend's ideas
Use phonics to read words I can read some
common exception words
Say what I think a character might do
Talk about my ideas
Talk about a story and sequence pictures
Use phonics to read and write words
Make my own story

Key Questions

Can you describe what happens in the **story**? What does the Emperor want from Shen? What would you paint with The Magic Paintbrush?

Vocabulary – story, fiction, character, beginning, middle, end, sentence, capital letter, full stop, sequence

Understanding the World

Using the story of 'The Magic
Paintbrush' we will explore the life of
the main character, 'Shen'. We will find
China on a map and will learn about the
Great Wall of China. We will compare
lives of children from around the world

I can...

Find information from maps
Describe similarities and differences between the past and now
Compare pictures and photographs
Order images on a timeline

Key Questions

Can you describe what is similar and different between the United Kingdom and China?

and explore similarities and differences between the past and now.

Compare Berwick to other places around the world

How were children's lives different in the past?

Vocabulary – China, United Kingdom, Great Wall of China, town walls, timeline, history, historic, similar, different, past, present

Festivals, Celebrations and Events



lanterns



Valentine's



dragon dance



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snowflake

Understanding the World



China



Berwick Town



The Great Wall of



United





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