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China



Vocabulary:

China, Beijing, Asia, Continents, East China Sea, South China Sea, Yangtze River, Mekong River, Yellow River, landscape, The Great Wall of China, bordering countries, Terracotta Army, Pagodas, Paddy Fields, Emperors, Traditional Clothes, Willow Pattern Story, Cherry Blossom.

Key Questions:

Where is China on a world map? What Continent is China in? What seas lie next to it? What countries border China? What are the main rivers in China? What colour is the Chinese flag and why? What is the same about China and the UK? What is different about China and the UK? What is the weather and landscape like in China? Why was The Great Wall of China built? What was The Terracotta Army?

Key Concepts:

- China is the largest country in the continent of Asia.
- It is the most highly populated country in the world with around 1.4 billion people living there.
- The East China Sea and The South China Sea lie to the East of the country.
- It has 4 rivers: Mekong, Yangtze, Pearl and Yellow River. The Yangtze is the third longest in the world.
- The Chinese Flag is red which represents the group of people who lead the country. The large star represents the leaders of the country and the 3 small stars represent the people of China.
- Up to 14 countries border China including: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Vietnam and Laos.
- The landscape varies dramatically in China from packed cities with skyscrapers to grasslands, mountains, beaches and paddy fields.
- Giant pandas can only be found in the mountains of central China.
- The Great Wall of China is the longest structure humans have ever built. It was built in the north of China to protect the country from invasion. It took 2000 years to complete!
- The Terracotta Army is part of a massive burial tomb for Emperor Qin, who was the first emperor of China. He wanted to live forever and it was thought this enormous army of 8000 terracotta soldiers, would help him to do so.