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| Month | Theme | Topics | Cultural Aspects | Resources Used |
| Aug - Sept | Welcome to China! Beijing(Beijing Huan Ying Ni!) | N,S,E,W; nos 1,2,3,8,10,11,12,13,20,21,2,23,30Connect to yue (month/moon); greetings, introductions ,Happy Birthday, countries ,days of the week | Flying to China over Baltic, Russia and Gobi Desert – extremes in temp. Compass points in Chinese – bei, nan, etc. Connect to cities (Beijinjg, Nanjing); geography of China; Olympics (8.08.2008), link to lucky nos, and whole concept of “luck”, gambling in China; Beijing Opera; food in N China (noodles cf to rice in South China) | CD: “Welcome to China”CD: Contrasting China – cf Scotland to ChinaUse idea of “Great Wall” to build up vocab – make a vocab wallJin Bu 1 textbook and workbook if the school uses them |
| Oct - Dec | Welcome to China – Xi’an and Chongqing | Weather – cold in Xi’an in winter; v hot and humid in Chongqing in summer – called the” Oven” (45 C); clothes; colours; the Hungry Caterpillar - food | Cf Edinburgh and Xi’an. Terracotta Warriors- First Emperor famous for Great Wall, etc. Goose Pagoda; compare food in regions in China – hotpot, chillies(to make you sweat and for luck!); weather ;hot thermal springs in mountains above Chongqing |  CDs of Xi’an and ChongqingJin Bu 1 if the school has itCI worksheetsStory of Hungry Caterpillar -theme links food, days, colours, months, etc |
| Jan - April | Welcome to China – ShanghaiShang - aboveHai - sea | Leisure, hobbies, shopping: money (nos), exchange rate, weather (near sea, so often a breeze),meeting friends in café/tea house,Tea house scene ( e.g. What would you like?../…I would like….Feb 14 – I love – wo ai… | Chinese shopping – bargaining (nos); fashion; Chinese chess, Majong; Chinese teahouse – Shanghai famous for these where men used to go with a bird in a cage to sit, talk and drink tea; Chinese teas ; life-size Barbie shop in Shanghai; jazz club in Old Shanghai; Chinese music – traditional and modern; Pudong Business Centre (World Expo in 2010)The Bund – what is it? | CDs of ShanghaiPpt East /West attitudes on your pendriveClothes for dressing up to go to tea houseThe French Concession Find out about hobbies of Chinese childrenCDs of Chinese music Jin Bu 1 if the school has itCI worksheets |
| April -June | Welcome to China – Chongqing and world heritage centre - Dazu Caves | Transport: by plane, train, bus, boat, bicycle, car or walking. Food – picnic. Stop off at the Lotus Flower Restaurant on the way back from Dazu Caves.Shopping for souvenirs Weather – heavy rain, floods in summer. | River Yangtze; 3 Gorges – flooding; environmental issues – the River Dolphin now extinct. Chongqing has33 million – biggest city in the world.Dazu Caves – 2.5 hrs SW of Chongqing; very old statues and carvings in the cliff faces of Buddhist beliefs.Province of Sichuan is Bamboo country and therefore home to Pandas.Threat of earthquake-2008 | CDs of Dazu Caves and countryside – compare to city of Chongqing Yangtze; pictures of various boats on the river(sampans, etc); DVD - Wild China |