**New Zealand Chinese Language Week**

**Social Studies Inquiry Lesson**

**Starter Quiz:**

1. What language is the most spoken in the world?

1. English
2. Chinese
3. Spanish

Answer - B - Chinese - there is 1.2 billion speakers of Chinese languages. Spanish is placed second with 400 million speakers and in third place is English with 360 million speakers worldwide.

2. What are the top three languages spoken in New Zealand

1. English, Te Reo Maori and French
2. English, Te Reo Maori and Chinese
3. English Te Reo Maori and Spanish

Answer - B - In New Zealand English is the most spoken language followed by, Te Reo Maori and the Chinese.

3. What country is New Zealand’s largest trade partner?

1. Australia
2. England
3. China

Answer - C - China. New Zealand has a Free Trade Agreement with China and in 2016 with two-way trade reaching $23 billion in 2016

**Inquiry Task:**

This week we are celebrating New Zealand Chinese Language week. It is a chance for us to think about the importance of New Zealand’s relationship with China and the importance of learning the Chinese languages.

Today we are going to be doing an inquiry into the importance of the Chinese language to us as New Zealander.

You are going to be making a minibook to display your answers.

**Questions:**

1. What languages make-up the Chinese languages?
2. Where in the world are the Chinese languages spoken?
3. Why are the tones of the Chinese languages important?
4. Why is learning Chinese languages important to New Zealanders?
5. What are some key phrases you can use?

Add some other questions that you want to know about Chinese language?

**Resources:**

* PowerPoint
* A3 paper per student
* Scissors
* Coloured pencils and felts

Share these resources with student so they can access them from their devices or watch as a class:

1. You Tube Clip on the history of the Chinese Language - <https://youtu.be/QY0AMmLuiqk>
2. Asia New Zealand Foundation Poster on China - <http://www.asianz.org.nz/sites/default/files/education-uploads/Map%20of%20China.pdf>
3. New Zealand Chinese Language Week Posters - <http://nzclw.com/resources/schools/nzclw-posters.html>

Here is a YouTube clip on how you fold your minibook: <https://youtu.be/WSjyJo8h7qs>