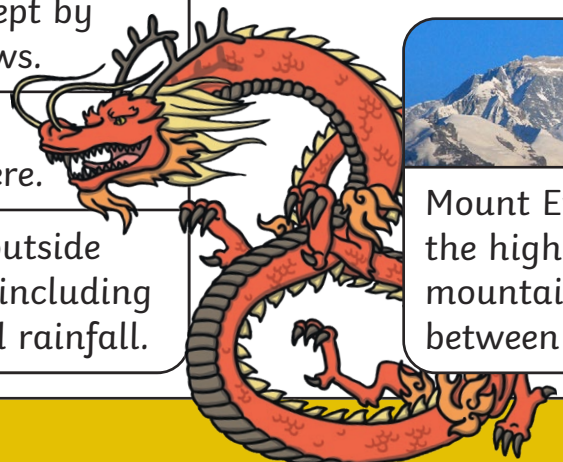


### Key Vocabulary

<b>agriculture</b>	Farming.
<b>climate</b>	What the <b>weather</b> is like over a long period of time.
<b>culture</b>	The 'way of life' of a country or group of people, e.g. tradition, dress, language, religion.
<b>human-made</b>	Built by humans.
<b>landmarks</b>	Important objects or features of the landscape.
<b>livestock</b>	Farm animals kept by humans, e.g. cows.
<b>population</b>	The number of people living there.
<b>weather</b>	The conditions outside on a given day, including temperature and rainfall.

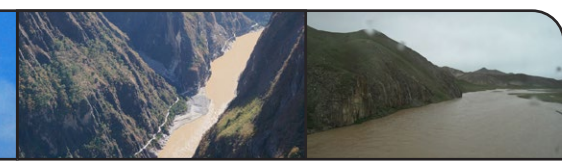


### Where Is China?

- Known as the People's Republic of China.
- Located in east Asia.
- The capital city is Beijing.
- Shanghai, is the largest city.
- One of the world's biggest countries.
- More people live in China than any other country in the world.
- It has a **population** of over 1.3 billion!
- Main language spoken is Mandarin.



Mount Everest (8850m) is the highest of the Himalayan mountains, lying on the border between China, Tibet and Nepal.







The Yangtze River is the third-longest river in the world. The Yellow River is the sixth-longest river in the world.

### Chinese New Year

A very important part of Chinese **culture** is celebrating Chinese New Year. Celebrated all over the world in late January or early February, it celebrates the earth coming back to life and the beginning of the growing cycle.

**Key Landmarks in China**

<p>The Great Wall of China is one of the wonders of the world! The longest <b>human-made</b> structure, it is more than 5000 miles long.</p>	
<p>The Terracotta Army is part of a burial tomb built for the first emperor of China. There are over 8000 life-size statues of soldiers.</p>	
<p>The Forbidden City or Forbidden Palace is in Beijing, it used to be where emperors of China lived and ruled.</p>	
<p>Beijing National Stadium (the Bird's Nest), site of the Summer Olympics 2008.</p>	

**Weather and Climate - The weather and temperatures are very different across the country.**

<p>The <b>climate</b> varies from warm tropical <b>weather</b> (in the south) to subarctic (as low as -30°C in the north).</p>	<p>In summer, most areas are hot and rainy.</p>
<p>There are dry seasons and wet monsoons (a seasonal wind that brings heavy rainfall).</p>	<p>In winter, most areas are cold and dry.</p>

The famous giant panda, found only in China.



School	Farming	Food
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go to school between age 3½ to 15.</li> <li>• Around 35 pupils per class.</li> <li>• Attend 5 or 6 days a week.</li> <li>• Most lesson time spent on English and maths.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very important part of rural Chinese life.</li> <li>• Many people work in <b>agriculture</b> or with <b>livestock</b>.</li> <li>• One of the largest producers of rice, wheat, soya beans, sugar and tea.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An important part of Chinese <b>culture</b>.</li> <li>• People usually eat with chopsticks.</li> <li>• Dim sum, which is lots of small dishes, is popular in China.</li> </ul> 