

More useful websites for teachers of Chinese

1 Primary and Secondary Materials

www.swirecentreoxford.org

2 <http://www.fonts.net.cn/font-32489380389.html>

A (free!) font which automatically includes correctly proportioned pinyin above Kaiti characters. Use this and you can automatically place pinyin above characters in PowerPoint! A video link is here so you can take a look for yourself before downloading.

3 IOE Confucius Institute Primary Mandarin Toolkit.

This is a free resource hosted on WordPress and can be found here:

<https://ciioeprimary.com>

To explain more about it, we have answered below a few questions you might have:

Who is it for?

We aim to support anyone who is looking to establish or grow a Mandarin programme in their primary school, whether you are an experienced speaker and teacher of Mandarin or a complete beginner.

What does it contain?

The content of the toolkit is wide-ranging and will continue to evolve over time, but here is a sample of what you will find:

- Practical advice on how to introduce Mandarin as a new subject in your school;
- Simple and effective resources to use in the classroom;
- Programmes of Study;
- Guidance on how to help children progress through KS1 and KS2, and how to prepare them for KS3 Mandarin;
- Links to recommended apps, websites and blogs.

How much does it cost?

Nothing at all – the toolkit is completely free of charge.

Why did we decide to make a toolkit?

While there are a number of similar resources available for other languages, such as French and Spanish, there is a lack of toolkit-style resources aimed specifically at supporting primary teachers of Mandarin. With that in mind, we wanted to provide teachers with a comprehensive set of materials and guides that will aid the teaching of Mandarin at KS1 and KS2, not only for the immediate benefits of learning a language but also with the long-term aim of encouraging fluency among non-native speakers.

How did we develop the toolkit?

We collated all of our own materials developed in-house that we know are used successfully in primary schools already, and then we enlisted the help of experienced primary Mandarin teachers who contributed their own additional resources and insight.

Can I contribute to the toolkit?

Yes, very much so! The plan is that the toolkit will continue to grow and change over time, in line with the needs and wishes of primary teachers. Therefore please do let us know if you feel you have any additional resources or advice that you think should be included. As you will see already, we always make sure to credit contributors, so your work will be recognised for others to see.

If you have any other questions or comments, we kindly ask that you email us directly at chinesenetworks@ucl.ac.uk and do not reply directly to the forum.

Some useful websites for Chinese teaching and learning

1. Happy Emperor Story

<https://scilt.org.uk/TheHappyEmperorandotherstories/tabid/4605/Default.aspx>

2. British Council-School and teacher resources

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources>

3. Linguascope

<https://www.linguascope.com/>

4. Quizlet

<https://quizlet.com/zh-cn>

5. Twinkl

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/>

6. Power Language

<https://powerlanguage.net/>

7. Creative Chinese

<https://www.creativechinese.com/fun-game-for-counting-in-chinese/>

8. Game for young people from Forbidden City website

<https://young.dpm.org.cn/damaoxian#gamezone>

9. Stroke order website

<http://bishun.strokeorder.info>

10. Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk>

11. Classtools

<http://www.classtools.net/>

12. Kahoot

<https://kahoot.com/>