

Project

- I. Here is a list of India's neighbouring countries. Collect the information about the heads mentioned below in the table. After collecting this information display it in "Our Reading Corner" (ORC).

Country	Famous leader	Famous cricketer/ Sports person	Famous dance	Famous food
Nepal				
Srilanka				
Pakistan				
Bangladesh				
China				
Afghanistan				
Bhutan				

C. Reading

Read the following story:

The Magic of Silk



This is a story from China. A long, long time ago, there lived an old woman in a hut in the forest. Her husband had been killed by a tiger some years ago. She was old and weak. Life was difficult for her and her daughter, Siew Mei.

Siew Mei did all the cooking and cleaning herself. She also looked after the silkworms in their garden. The worms gave them fine thread to make beautiful silk. Siew Mei sold the silk to travellers in the village market. In this way, she got enough money to buy food and other things.

One day as Siew Mei was returning home, it started to rain heavily. It was getting dark, too. Siew Mei ran into the first hut she saw. The door was open and there was no one inside.

"Is anybody in?" she called loudly, again and again. But there was no reply.

Siew Mei looked around the hut. The floor was very dirty. Bowls and pots were left unwashed. Siew Mei swept the floor and washed all the bowls and pots.

By the time she had finished, the hut was as clean as a new one. By then the rain had stopped too. "I had better go home," she said to herself. "Mother will be worried."



As she walked out of the hut, she saw a strange old man. His long beard reached down to his waist. He looked about a hundred years old. The old man looked at Siew Mei and smiled.

"Uncle," she said, "I went into the hut because it was raining. I hope you don't mind."

"Not at all, young girl," replied the old man. His eyes fell on the clean floor and on the bowls and pots. "Did you clean the hut for me?"

"Yes," answered Siew Mei. "Let me help you into the hut." The old man was very happy. "You're a very kind girl," he said. "I must give you a present."

He took out a pair of scissors and cut off a little of his long white beard. He put it in a piece of old cloth, tied it up, and gave the bundle to her.

"Do not give it to anyone," said the old man. "Open it when you get home."

Siew Mei thanked him and went home. Her mother was very glad to see Siew Mei safe. Siew Mei told her mother about the old man.



Siew Mei opened the bundle to show her mother the old man's white beard. To their surprise, they saw the finest silk thread in the whole of China. They began to weave with the silk thread. When they had finished weaving, they had made the finest silk they had ever seen. They noticed that the bundle of silk thread still remained exactly the same size as before.

News of their wonderful silk spread far and wide. The old woman and her daughter became famous and lived happily ever after.



I. Answer the following questions:

1. Who do you think the old man is? Justify your reasons.
- *2. Do you believe in miracles?
Do you think that magic and miracles are the same?
If not, give your reasons.
- *3. If you were Siew Mei, how would you feel?



What is an anagram?

An anagram is the rearrangement of the letters of a word, name, phrase, sentence, title, or the like into another word or phrase. But **ALL** the letters of the name or phrase must be used **ONCE** and only **ONCE**. This is the basic rule of anagramming. The best anagrams are meaningful and relate in some way to the original subject. Example: if we take the word 'the classroom' and rearrange the letters in it, we get 'school master'. So, 'school master' is an anagram of 'the classroom' and vice versa. Here are some other anagrams: mother-in-law _ woman Hitler; debit card _ bad credit; dormitory _ dirty room; eleven plus two _ twelve plus one.

Write some anagrams and display them on the wall magazine.