



Fiction

Group 1

The Hungry Dragon

Canadian International School, Almeida, Siena – 8

High up in the mountains of China, in a magical land, a red dragon's mother went to hunt for food leaving the dragon Hong and his sister Xiao all alone. At the foot of the mountain, there was a village. A knight begged a wise old man who lived there to stop time so he could complete his quest of slaying a hideous sea snake that lived in the sparkling sea next to the village. The old man warned him that there would be consequences of distorting the laws of nature, but the knight insisted.

Hong waited for eternity for his mother to return with food but with time stopped, she was trapped in the outside realm. Finally, Hong could stand it no more. He ate Xiao in one snap of his jaws. But she could only fill a quarter of his big belly. Hong stomped out of his grotto and down to the village. On his way to the wise old man he met the knight, who was pondering how to slay the sea snake.

"Make the wise old man continue time", Hong demanded. "Because of him I'm starving and was driven to eat my sister".

"Only if you help me slay the sea snake", the stubborn knight argued.

"Deal", Hong agreed, shaking his head. "You're a stubborn little fellow. No wonder you were able to convince the wise old man to stop time."

The knight's face turned red and he glared at the dragon. But he decided not to retort because Hong was much bigger and stronger than him.

"You could eat the sea snake", the knight suggested.

"I can't", Hong answered with a frown. "I'm allergic to snakes of any kind. But I could scare it..."

The next morning, the sea snake was enjoying a soak in the shallows. "Mmmmmmm!" Suddenly Hong interrupted the snake's bath by leaping out from behind a banyan tree. "Supper!" The sea snake nearly jumped out of his skin. He swam far out to sea but Hong's flight was faster than the snake's slithery swim. As Hong roared, fire came out of his mouth. It hit the sea snake directly on the head. The sea snake was well and truly fried, and slowly sank below the sea's surface. Before the dead snake disappeared completely, Hong swooped down and latched on with his talons, and his powerful wings carried the body back to the village square.

The wise man exclaimed delightedly that the sea snake would feed the villagers for a year and agreed to continue time once more. When Hong climbed back up the mountain cliff, he saw his mother was waiting for him at their grotto. "Set fire to Xiao's bones to bring her back", she urged him. Hong did as he was told and sure enough Xiao appeared in a puff of smoke. He was overjoyed, but yet couldn't shake the grip of guilt as he wondered at the consequences of bending the natural laws.

The Secret Angel of Huangshan

Canadian International School, Chan, Jeffrey – 8

Chapter 1

Before my story began, I would like to introduce my grandfather and myself. My grandfather, Steven, is a professional Chinese medicine practitioner. I am Jeffrey, an 8-year-old student who is curious about everything.

One day Steven decided to go to Huangshan (also named Yellow Mountain), the most mysterious and mountainous place in China.

“Why are we visiting Huangshan?” I asked.

“People are suffering from many infectious diseases this year. I want to race and invent new medicine,” Grandfather answered.

Schools were all suspended due to the pandemic, so I went with him. That’s when my adventure started.

Chapter 2

Grandpa and I arrived at Huangshan after a short flight. Listed as the World Heritage Site, this place looks spectacular and is surrounded by mystical seas of cloud. As I was enjoying the scenery, I suddenly saw a pair of red eyes staring at me somewhere, but was gone in a second.

That night, I stayed restless on the bed because of the scary pair of eyes.

The next day, we set off early for the Mount Huangshan. Many people from other countries were also racing with us. We were all led by Jack, the tour guide, who makes lots of money.

“This place is as cold as a lollipop,” I murmured as we climbed up. Jack explained that the coolness here made it best for rare medicine to grow.

While people were busy looking for their desired medicine, I saw the pair of red eyes again. I went closer but it suddenly grabbed my hands!

It was a hand of a short-tailed hairy monkey!

It had a pair of red sparkling eyes and could talk through its mind.

“Are....you....speaking...?” I trembled.

“Yeah, I’m Ivan, the secret angel of Huangshan,” Ivan answered with a kind grin.

Chapter 3

But... “Bang!”

Jack shot the monkey’s arm suddenly and shouted, ‘Nothing can bother us.’ Ivan was bleeding seriously with its golden blood.

“Please take me to the highest peak, Tiandu Peak, within 24 hours, Jeffrey.” begged Ivan.

Without thinking about our medicine anymore, Grandpa and I carried Ivan, kept running and climbing all day and night.

12 hours passed...and by the 23rd hour, we arrived the heavenly peak top in time.

We carefully put Ivan on the floor. The birds flew swiftly over and dropped some herbs on its body. There the miracle happened!

Chapter 4

Ivan woke up!

“I have to go now, and protect the medicine from greedy humans,” claimed Ivan, the guard of this precious place.

That moment, we finally understood.

People nowadays do not know how to treasure the Earth and the environment. The more they have, the more they think is better. It is the greed that makes people selfish and competitive. It is the greed that poses huge public health issues like unexpected viruses.

Reflecting on this, we two decided to accompany Ivan, back to where we (the greed) came. Instead of digging medicine, people should learn a lesson, protect and respect our lovely resources.

Yellow Mountain

Canadian International School, Cheng, Maegan – 8

Once upon a time there was a girl named TingTing (婷婷). Her mother loved the name Ting Ting. She told Ting Ting she went to a name maker to make it. They lived in a small village in Taiwan in Dajia District, Taichung City. Ting Ting loved her hometown and she loved her school. But one day before the summer break her mother Siying said to her that for the entire summer break they are leaving Taiwan and moving to China and live in her dead Father's house when he was a teenager. But Ting Ting did not want to go to China because she has no friends there because she would be lonely. Yet her mother said that she can keep in touch with her best friends and also make new friends in China. She also said she has to get the hang of being independent. Ting Ting was only grade 2 so it was challenging to be independent. She also will have to pack everything she wants into a suitcase, and leave everything she doesn't want here in Taiwan. She was upset that she had to leave. But she had to and life in China wasn't that bad after all. She made new friends and went to a new school and she was happy. One day her mother and she were exploring the mountain called Yellow Mountain. She was so excited to see the mystical Yellow Mountain. The next morning Ting Ting was packing her bag. She was planning to bring 2 liters of water, 2 energy bars, snacks and her phone. You can only say one thing about it, it was the day they were going to explore the Yellow Mountain! When they got there Ting Ting couldn't believe her eyes. What was standing there was a huge mountain with rocky cliffs and extreme hills. It was the most beautiful thing in her life! Well, there was only one problem; there were a ton of stairs. When they finally reached the top. Ting Ting took pictures and selfies to remember this one moment, this one moment that she was on the Yellow Mountain. She and her Mom were very happy. When they got down Ting Ting asked her mother "Why is the Yellow Mountain called Yellow Mountain when it is not yellow?" Ting Ting's mother told her that: "The Yellow Mountain is called Yellow Mountain not because it is yellow. It was named after the legendary emperor Huang Di (Yellow Emperor)" The next semester at school, Ting Ting told everyone at school about the adventure on the Yellow Mountain. Everyone asked questions and respected this knowledgeable student Ting Ting. Ting Ting loved the adventure with her mother and she happily shared her experience with everyone ever since.

Ho Yi and the Mist

Canadian International School, Chow, Annabel – 9

A long time ago in the tall, tall, yellow mountains of China, there was a village. Inside that village lived a boy named Ho Yi. Ho Yi was short, had black hair and loved his village and family. He had an evil grandmother who soon set his village on fire. Everyone died except for Ho Yi.

Ho Yi started to walk because he thought there was no reason to stay. After a while he decided to walk uphill. He kept on walking until he was so tired that he almost couldn't walk. It was almost dark and getting mistier by the second. He found a cave and made a fire, then went to sleep.

When he woke up, he saw a figure in the distance and he was really frightened when it walked towards him. He said he was a poet called Da Ren and was friends with Ho Yi's parents. He said he could bring back his village and his family except for his evil grandma, if he would go find out why it is so misty up in the mountains, who lives up there and why so many poets go up to the yellow mountains. Ho Yi thought it was worth a try because he had nothing to do and nowhere to go. Da Ren gave him a clue which was up, up, up. Then he vanished. Ho Yi did what Da Ren told him to do and went up, up, up.

A gust of wind flew Ho Yi to an entrance gate. It was like he was standing on clouds but it was...MIST!!! He was so excited. He zoomed through the entrance but a guard stopped him and said he must write a poem and show it to the poet king. Ho Yi started to write about his life story. It was worth the time he took because the poet king accepted him.

And so he went in. It was a magical place, the mist was a different colour and there were bright, floating lights. No wonder so many poets went here. The next thing to do was to find out who lives up here so he walked around a little bit and knocked on doors. But then he heard voices that sounded familiar. It was his parents! He hugged them and told them about his journey.

His parents told him the reason why it is so misty is so no one will get in and steal the heart of the world and the mist keeps robbers away. Poets get here and use their poets' eyes to write a poem and then share it with the world.

Then suddenly Ho Yi and his family felt a gush of wind and everything was back to normal except there was no grandma. Was it all just a dream?

Adventure of Huangshan

Canadian International School, Lam, Season – 8

It was a basketball team retreat at Huangshan in China. Being the captain, I took Emma, Jacob, and Riley swimming. Suddenly, something fell from the sky. We thought it was a meteoroid. We ran to check it out.

“Wow!” Gaspd Emma. She saw a blue spaceship. The lid of the space ship opened. A blue–skinned alien with black jean jumpsuit jumped out.

“Help us! Bossyburger is trying to take over my planet,” she said.

“Who is Bossyburger?” asked Emma.

“My name is Summer,” said the Alien. “Bossyburger is a galaxy criminal that is trying to eat the Milky Way. “Come with me. I want to show you something. If you agree to help me, I will give you a special reward.”

Everyone agreed and introduced ourselves.

Then they set off to a planet far, far away in Summer’s spaceship. Summer said the name of her planet is Toolittle, which is the biggest planet in the universe.

“How is Bossyburger going to eat all the planets in the galaxy?” asked Riley.

“He’s going to shrink them with a shrink–ray gun and eat them on a cake,” replied Summer.

“Do you have some parts that I can make a grow gun to make the planet bigger again?” said Riley.

“You can make something like that?” Gaspd Summer.

“As the youngest scientist at NASA, I designed NASA’s latest spaceship,” Riley bragged.

“There’s a box of materials. Use all you want,” Summer pointed to a silver glittering box.

Soon, we saw the planet from the spaceship window. A red light projected the words “SOS!”

Summer showed the Bossyburger invitations. So Summer’s idea was that they pretend that they got invited to Bossyburger’ party. “Jacob, Emma, and Riley, you will distract Bossyburger while Jacob take the planets back,” said Summer. “Then we pretend to go to the bathroom but meet me back at the spaceship.

At the birthday party, they saw Bossyburger for the first time. He has six eyes and four arms and only a meter tall.

“Now!,” said Jacob. He stared running to the cake but bumped into Bossyburger accidentally. Bossyburger got so mad that he threw something at Jacob and hit his face. Jacob was scared half to death. He escaped to Summer’s spaceships. His teammates ran right behind him. They thought that they had failed the mission. They blasted off in the spaceship to go through a wormhole. They finally calm down and noticed that Jacob had something sparkly on his face. They are the shrunk planets. Turns out Bossyburger threw the cake in anger by mistake. The mission was not a failure after all. They restored all the planets to their rightful place. Summer gave them a gift as promised. It was the blueprint of Summer’s spaceship and a telecommuting iMaWatch. Summer brought them back to HuangShan and said goodbye.

The next day the team went swimming. “Ding!” A message appeared on iMaWatch: “Find the kids who stole my cake. Bring them to me! Rewarded: \$50,000,000. –Bossyburger.” They freaked out.

Adventure into Huang Shan

Canadian International School, Lee, Emma – 7

There are many mountains in China but none as special as Huangshan. This mountain is the home of many mythological animals, but recently a lot of the animals have been disappearing because of the poachers.

In a small orphanage in a busy village next to the Chinese ancient mountains, there were four kids: Willow, Heather, Brooke and Dexter. The kids always knew that the mythological animals were getting captured by poachers but never actually got the opportunity to help because the orphanage supervisor, Xi Yang, never left the house for longer than 30 minutes. However, today as Xi Yang had to go to a faraway town to buy supplies, he was to be away for a day.

“Finally, we get to rescue the animals now that Xi Yang is going away!” Willow said.

“That’s not a lot of time. Let’s get our things prepared and ready to go.” Dexter replied.

After packing their bags, they then ran out of the door and towards the foot of the hills, where they were greeted by a beautiful waterfall. They stopped briefly to admire it, before walking up the steep and spiraling mountain path.

They all had a hard time climbing and were so tired that they almost missed the cave. “Wait guys! Look, it’s a cave! Maybe we can find some of those mystical creatures in here!” Heather said curiously. They tiptoed into the cave as quietly as possible. Inside, there was a beautiful pool of clear water surrounded by ancient rocks and multicolored coral. Suddenly there was a WOOSH! and a red dragon flew down.

“What are you doing here?” Asked the dragon suspiciously.

“We’re trying to save all the animals from poachers!” Willow said.

“Oh well, I supposed we could use a little help.”, the dragon replied.

The dragon led the kids deeper into the cave and showed them where he had hidden all the remaining mythical creatures. “These are all the creatures left. As long as the poachers don’t find them, the species will survive.” Just then, there was a loud CRASH at the entrance of the cave and poachers began running in. “Quick! Get behind me and protect the creatures, I’ll fight them off.”

The kids quickly ran towards the creatures and formed a protective barrier. The dragon breathed fire to form a firewall against the poachers. Despite the poachers trying to get to the creatures, they were unsuccessful and gave up one by one.

“I see Huang Shan is no longer safe for the creatures. I will have to find a secret location for them.” Said the dragon reluctantly.

“Glad we could help! We should probably get back to the orphanage now.” Brooke replied sweetly.

The dragon gently scooped all the creatures up and flew away into the clouds. The kids carefully walked back down the mountain, feeling proud for doing the right thing. They returned just as Xi Yang approached the orphanage.

“Hello kids! Were you behaving while I was gone?”

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Primary School, Fung, Yat Nam – 8

After a long, long day Cassie is about time to get some rest. 'Cassie, it's late, it's time to get some sleep,' said Cassie's dad. 'No, papa. I am not sleepy. I want another story!' moaned Cassie.

Suddenly, the window began to glow. The magic light took Cassie and her dad onto an adventure. 'I wonder where the light is taking us,' called Cassie.

The light took them back in time. It took them to the famous Mountains of the Yellow Emperor.

'We are at the top of the Yellow Mountains,' said Cassie's dad. 'There is a flying machine,' said Cassie. They climbed into the flying machine. 'I can operate it!' said Cassie. They sailed the flying machine away from the mountain above the fountain in the levels of clouds. The wind tossed the flying machine up and down.

'Hang on, dad,' yelled Cassie. The machine swept to another big mountain which jumped out from the clouds like a big Buddha hand. It hit some rocks and moved just like in a storm.

The flying machine travelled through the giant Buddha hand mountain. Cassie and her dad looked around and found that there was a chain of mountains above the clouds. It looked like many sharks flying along the clouds.

'There are so many mountains,' said Cassie's dad. Suddenly, the light began to glow. The light took them home. It's very late and Cassie fell asleep in her dad's arm. 'We had a story, sweetheart. Good night,' said Cassie's dad.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Primary School, Lau, Ka Yu – 8

One day, Gilbert was at school. He was sitting at his desk listening to the teacher talking about Huangshan. He sat at the back of the classroom next to the window. He was bored and looked outside. Suddenly, he saw a yellow bird standing on the windowsill. He looked at it and the bird talked to him. "Do you want to go on a trip with me?" asked the bird. Then, Gilbert got up quietly and slipped out of the window.

In a flash, he was in the woods. He couldn't believe his eyes because he was so close to animals like wild boars, lizards, rabbits and snakes. Then, he came to a huge waterfall. He walked closer and saw something coming out. It was a Water Dragon. The dragon introduced itself and took Gilbert on an underwater ride. Gilbert was excited because he had never climbed on a dragon's back before. They swam down and down. The Water Dragon introduced all of the fish to Gilbert. He felt amazed. He saw Mandarin fish, black bass, guppies and mudskipper. "It is time to go back to land," said the Water dragon. "Have a safe journey!" "Thank you for the ride," said Gilbert.

He started to walk again. He saw something moving between the trees. He was curious. He pulled out the leaves and he saw a Land Dragon surrounded by a lot of animals. It included deer, black bears, pangolins, stump-tailed monkeys and civets. Gilbert asked the Land Dragon many questions about different species of trees and different shape of rocks. The Land Dragon explained to him in detail. Gilbert ran on and tried to climb up the mountain but he couldn't do it. So, the Land Dragon lifted him up. They arrived at the mountain top. Then Gilbert waved goodbye to the Land dragon.

He saw a beautiful view in front of him. It was a sea of clouds. Gilbert saw something big in the clouds. He thought it was an eagle. However, it was the Sky Dragon. It flew down next to Gilbert and carried him on its back. Gilbert's mouth was opened wide as he flew through the clouds. Suddenly, he saw a colorful rainbow. He leaned forward and tried to touch it. Unfortunately, he lost his balance and fell down from the sky. "Wake up! Wake up!" called the teacher. "Am I still alive?" asked Gilbert. "What are you talking about?" asked the teacher. "No more daydreaming, Gilbert. It's time to do your drawing about Huangshan."

Finally, Gilbert drew a wonderful picture about Huangshan and the teacher was stunned by its beauty.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Primary School, Leung, Yu Ching – 8

Once upon a time, there are some dwarves living in the caves of Huangshan. The dwarves live there happily. They live in this secret place because it is quiet and beautiful. They love the fresh air on Huangshan too because there are no other living people. Every day the dwarves go to the peak of Huangshan to look for jewels.

One day in summer, a young dwarf named Lolo goes to find jewels with her brothers. Suddenly, they see two naughty human boys fighting with each other. Lolo is a kind dwarf. She walks to the boys and tries to stop them from fighting each other. Lolo says, “It’s dangerous for both of you to push each other. You may fall off the mountain!” The boys stop fighting but they are still angry with each other. After talking to the boys, Lolo knows that the boys blame each other for getting lost in the forest. Lolo says to the boys, “Instead of fighting with each other, both of you should work together to find a way home.” The boys feel embarrassed and then say sorry to each other.

Lolo sees the boys are helpless, and so she offers to help. She says to the boys, “Don’t be scared, boys. I can take you back home.” The boys really appreciate Lolo’s help. After a while, Lolo brings the boys back to their house. The boys’ parents are glad to see them have returned. The boys and their parents are very grateful for Lolo’s help, and so they give Lolo and her brothers lots of diamonds from their family’s mine as presents.

At the end, Lolo reminds the boys to always get along with each other, and work together to solve any problems. The boys promise and swear to take care of each other. Because of her kindness and friendliness, the boys want to make friends with Lolo. Lolo says yes and invites the boys and the parents to visit her in Huangshan when they are free.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Primary School, Liu, Kai Xuan – 8

100 years ago, there was a man living in a small house high above the clouds on Huangshan. He does not have any friends but a bird which can sing very well. The man usually takes his bird to the forest and listens to the bird singing beautifully. The man thinks this is the best thing of his life.

One day, the man gets terribly sick. He thinks he can no longer live, and so asks the bird to sing one more beautiful song to him before he lets it go. The bird does not want to see the man pass away because he is her only best friend in the world. Therefore, the bird turns into a beautiful girl and goes to the human village beneath Huangshan to look for a doctor. When the bird finds a doctor, she gets troubled because she does not have any money to pay the medical bill. Suddenly a brilliant idea shows up in her mind. She can earn money by singing. Then the bird starts singing outside the clinic. Every villager gets attracted by the beautiful song of the bird and comes to the clinic. Everyone including the doctor enjoys the bird's singing very much. Finally, the bird earns enough money and quickly takes the doctor to Huangshan to cure the man.

The bird says to the doctor, "This man is my only best friend in the world. Please try your best to cure him no matter what it takes." The doctor examines the man carefully. Although the man is terribly ill, he is still able to recover. The doctor promises to the bird, "Relax! I will definitely make him recover."

As soon as the doctor finishes what he says, the bird turns back into her animal form. The doctor is afraid of the bird at first. But soon he gets touched by the bird's effort to save the man. The doctor stays with the man for a month and finally nurses him back to health. The man is very grateful to the bird and the doctor for their help. The bird is also delighted and sings to the man and the doctor happily again.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Primary School, Martin, Sammuel –

This is a magical story about a boy and a dragon.

The boy is called Siu Wik. He is eight years old. He lives with his parents in a village high up in the misty mountain of China. It was beautiful, but the villagers often had empty tummies. It was very difficult to grow vegetables and raise animals in such a high place. It was also a very cold place to live during the winter.

Siu Wik likes Nature and likes hiking in the mountains near his village. One day, when he was hiking, he found a cave. The cave was sparkling and shiny. Siu Wik poked his head into the cave and saw an egg! The egg was golden and was almost as big as Siu Wik.

Suddenly, the egg wobbled and hatched and a baby dragon popped out! The baby dragon was blue and green. His little nose twitched. He sneezed and fire came out of his mouth! Siu Wik decided to call him For For (which means fire in Chinese).

Siu Wik made For For his pet. Siu Wik asked For For ‘Can you fly?’ For For nodded his head. Siu Wik climbed onto For For’s back. For For flew into the air and went back to the village.

When they got back to the village, they were very hungry. Siu Wik wanted to eat his favourite meal – tomato soup noodles, but there were no tomatoes and no noodles! Instead, Siu Wik ate a cold bowl of rice. For For was like a cow. He liked to eat grass.

The next day, they decided to have an adventure! Siu Wik wanted to visit the top of the highest Misty Mountains. He had never been to the very top before. For For spread his wings and they flew high up into the sky.

At the top of the mountain, they found a wishing well under a tree. Siu Wik and For For decided to make a wish. The wishing well could talk. The well said, ‘you have one wish!’ Siu Wik and For For had a secret chat and then said together, ‘We wish for a delicious restaurant at Siu Wik’s village.’

When they got back to the village, there was indeed a beautiful and magical restaurant and all the villagers were excited. That evening, everyone ate their favourite food. Even Siu Wik had his tomato soup noodles! Their tummies were full and round.

For For breathed fire to keep everyone warm and cosy.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

Creative Primary School, Chi, Li Yuk Hanna – 8

Once upon a time, there was a family that lived in a village. Two brothers, Wei Wei and Jun Jun lived with their parents.

One day, Mum said “Wei Wei, Jun Jun, we need to buy five big fish and some vegetables. Oh, don’t forget to come back before supper.” “Ok” Wei Wei and Jun Jun shouted back. They ran to the market and before long, they saw an empty house. They were curious so they slowly entered the house. Wei Wei saw a strange rainbow coloured plant next to the window. He walked over to the plant and touched it. Suddenly, his whole body turned green. Jun Jun quickly lifted him onto his back and hurriedly raced to the doctor. Dr. Li said “Wei Wei has been poisoned. I cannot help you because the medicine which can save Wei Wei can only be found on Huangshan.” Jun Jun became very worried. “Am I going to die?” Wei Wei said. “You will be fine as long as you can find a rare magical plant on Huangshan. Huangshan is about 13 kilometres far away. But climbing this mountain is very dangerous because it is very high and steep”. Dr. Li replied. Jun Jun said “Ok, Wei Wei is my younger brother, and I would do anything to save him.”

Jun Jun reached Huangshan. Climbing was very difficult but he never gave up. Halfway up the mountain, he was lost and had no idea how to find the magical plant. Suddenly, he met a girl named Na Na. Then he told her about the medicine. Na Na said, “I know where to find the medicine, come with me.” “Thanks,” Jun Jun said. As they climbed further, they saw the rare magical plant on the side of a cliff guarded by a three-head fire breathing snake. They were extremely frightened. Na Na took out the bow and shot arrows at the three-headed snake. The arrows injured the three-headed snake, so it quickly slithered away. Jun Jun immediately ran over to the rare magical plant and grabbed the blue and purple spotted plant and placed it into his bag. He was very happy and excited because he had finally found the medicine to save Wei Wei.

Jun Jun and Na Na started going down the mountain. On the way down, they passed Na Na’s house. “This is where we have to say goodbye and I will never forget your kindness.” Jun Jun said and took out a colourful jade to her.” After a couple of hours, he arrived back at Dr. Li’s home and gave the rare plant for Dr. Li. “Wow, it is so amazing that you found this plant. You are a brave boy. Don’t worry, Wei Wei will be recovered.” Dr. Li said. One hour later, Wei Wei woke up and was full of energy. The two brothers both thanked Dr. Li and left to return home. They came back in time for supper.

The Rainbow Mountain of Magic

Creative Primary School, Tam, Ian – 8

In a colorful mountain full of colorful stripes, wolves were hunting for food because it was night. Roland and his friends were on an adventure to find a magical flute. The wolves picked up a scent and followed it until they saw Roland and started chasing them. As Roland started panting, “Where are we going?” he asked. “To the top of the mountain,” Josh replied. The wolves were still chasing them, so they had to run up the mountain quickly.

They saw the magical flute with a note that wrote “GO TO THE VILLAGER’S HOUSE and GET THE ANCIENT SCRIPT, then you can PLAY THE FLUTE.” “What!” said Roland. “We have to go down again while the wolves are chasing us!” Thus, they ran down and found the villager’s house with a plate showing the number “0326” and went inside. “I think the wolves are still trailing us.” Said Rex. “Then let’s quickly find the Ancient Script,” said Roland.

While they were searching, they asked the wise villager to help them. The villager was quick to find the book and they got out of the house and found out that it was morning.

Then they spent the entire morning thinking of what to do with the flute and script. Finally, Roland got an idea! They had to get back up the mountain because the moon absorbed the color of the Mountain yesterday night; so they had to replace it by playing the flute on the mountain top.

Roland and his friend went to the mountain with a bunch of paint but that was the exact time the wolves started messing up, so Roland and his friends had to hurry. While Roland and his friends hiked up the mountain full of sharp peaks, the wolves were running up the mountain as well. Meanwhile, the wolves stole the paint and splashed them all to the river; so, Roland and his friends could not restore the mountain’s color.

When they finished discussing about what to do next, they realized they had a mystery to solve. That is the mystery of how to restore the color without paint. Roland suggested that Josh should get some more paint, but he was out of money. He was grounded for a week for using up all his money for paint; so, it was up to Roland and Rex to decide what to do next. They found an antique shop and begged for some paint; the owner of the shop gave them some old paint eventually. They rushed back to the mountain again and started painting by playing the script with the flute. The paint started to flow in the air by themselves and finally finished filling the mountains with an array of colors.

The wolves ran up the mountain and found out the mountain was painted and that their home was restored with color. By that they knew it well that Roland and his friends were their masters and followed them thereafter.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

Creative Primary School, Wong, Hei Nam Sophie – 7

Last summer was an unforgettable and magical one. I know it is hard to believe, but I am telling the truth.

I went to Huangshan on excursion with my parents and my little brother, Sam, last summer. One night, Sam and I went out for a walk. We stepped on something hard in the grass. We tried to dig. It was a “Bone”! Suddenly, the bone and many other bones flew up and joined together to form a huge dinosaur.

We were astonished.

“It is a Pteranodon!” yelled Sam who broke the silence.

All of a sudden, it seemed that I could understand what the Pteranodon was thinking. It told us to climb on its back and we did. We flew high above the clouds, we looped and we looped.

When we landed, the Pteranodon roared “Welcome to the past!” and it vanished.

“Oh! My goodness! What does it mean?” I whispered.

We walked along a winding path. Then, we saw a sad looking young man, in strange clothes, crying. We felt an urge to help him.

“Are you okay? Why are you crying?” I asked.

“I miss my home and family so badly.” he sobbed.

“Sometimes, I do miss my friends and family. Usually, I’ll send WhatsApp messages to....” Sam said.

“He meant to write letters to express how he misses his beloved ones.” I snapped, to hide the fact that we were from the future.

“Oh, yes! I can write down my feelings and send them letters!” exclaimed the man thankfully.

After that, the man showed us around. We saw the beautifully-shaped pine trees, fantastic rock peaks and the sea of clouds. They resembled the places in Huangshan we had visited, but the trees were much shorter. He even invited us to his home.

“It is too late, we have to go home.” as I declined his invitation.

“No problem. By the way, what are your names?” he asked

“I am Sarah and he is Sam. How about you?” I replied.

“My name is Li Bai.” he answered.

We waved goodbye to each other and left. Then, the Pteranodon appeared, we clambered up its back and flew up to the sky. We looped and looped until we went back to present time. The Pteranodon slowly broke down into pieces and buried itself into the soil.

It was grateful to see our parents again. We did not tell them about our adventure as we did not think they would believe us. Instead, we told them we had met a new friend named “Li Bai”.

“You know, there was once a great poet called Li Bai in China long time ago. He wrote many wonderful poems. There was a well-known poem about how he missed his home which was later rearranged into nursery rhyme.”

Sam and I stared at each other. “Was he the one.....?” we wondered.

It was a really magical and unbelievable adventure up on the peaks of Huangshan. We would never forget.

The Yellow Mountains – The Yellow Archer

Creative Primary School, Wong, Matthias – 7

Once upon a time, there was an archer called Huang Chi, he was 14 years old. He grew up in a poor family, but he was an expert at archery. He lived in a mysterious village called Misty Village on the peaks of the Yellow Mountains. The villagers were kind and they lived peacefully on this beautiful Mountain. But there was a rumor about a monster creature which is made from rocks called Rockman. It also lived in the village and ate villagers. So, the villagers were scared to go out in the dark. The villagers have reported seeing creepy shadows all the time. They thought it was the mysterious Rockman. However, Huang Chi was not scared at all. He was determined to find this secret beast and destroy it.

One day, he went to the woods to find it. He heard a horrifying scratch and knew that he was close to the monster's base. Then he entered the base and immediately saw the Rockman. The Rockman was trying to grab and eat Huang Chi. Then he shot it through its eyes with an arrow, but it was still alive. Huang Chi never gave up and kept shooting at the target, it was no use. Then he used his second last arrow to shoot him. Unfortunately, it was still alive. The Rockman became even stronger and spawned 999 Rockmen. Huang Chi was hopeless. "I am not alone!" he said to himself. Then Huang Chi used his last arrow to shoot the village's gong in order to call all the villagers to come and help. The villagers heard the big gong sound. Immediately they grabbed torches and rushed to the woods and scared the Rockmen away. The villagers and Huang Chi were safe for now.

Then the villagers rushed home and they spent all night making arrows in preparation of a war with the Rockmen. Finally, they made 1,000 arrows and gave them to Huang Chi. Then he said to the villagers, "Thank you very much! I will definitely kill all of those Rockmen to save us."

The next morning, they gathered to the Rockman's base. They saw an entrance then Huang Chi went inside, he saw 1,000 Rockmen. This time he shot only at the heart which is the weakest point of the Rockmen. He shot 999 Rockmen down with the villagers' arrows. But he accidentally broke one arrow. There was one Rockman left and he was the king of the Rockmen. Then the king gave Huang Chi an ultimatum and said, "If you die, I will disappear and I will not eat the villagers, or you will survive but I will eat the villagers." Then Huang Chi sacrificed himself and the villagers were safe.

One year later, the story about Huang Chi was published and the villagers made a statue of him. The villagers called him the Yellow Archer, the man of bravery and sacrifice to the peaks of the Yellow Mountains.

China's Magical Mountains

Diocesan Preparatory School, Chan, Hong Tung Tasha – 9

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Angela. One day, her mum scolded at her for not recycling, and using too much paper, plastic bags and bottles. Angela felt that her mum was too harsh! She went back to her bedroom and cried. After a while, she fell asleep. Suddenly, there was a tornado coming. It was very strong and blew the house into the air! The house whirled around two or three times as it went high up into the sky. Angela was terrified. Angela felt as if she were being rocked back and forth. Once it stopped, she carefully went out of the house. Two strangers were looking at her! They had long beards and they were dressed in strange outfits.

“Hello, my name is Li Bai. And this is my friend Du Fu,” said one of the strangers.

“My name is Angela. Can you tell me where I am, please?” Asked Angela.

Li Bai cleared his throat and started to explain, “You are now in Huangshan. It is the magical mountain in China. It is a very huge and mysterious place. Huangshan is a mountain range in Southern Anhui Province in Eastern China. We chose to live here, because we can see the magnificent sunsets and sunrises, which we called the Buddha’s Light. This mountain is breathtakingly beautiful, with sharp peaks, raised villages and floating clouds which we call “the Sea of Clouds”. Also, this mountain is more than 1000 metres high! Look over there! You can see the Lotus Peak, Bright Peak and Celestial Peak, the three tallest peaks of Huangshan!”

Du Fu continued to show Angela around, “Look! There are some new animal species ...” She noticed that a group of monkeys were enjoying the hot springs.

Suddenly, one of the monkeys picked up a plastic bottle and started to eat it. Angela snatched the bottle and said, “No, this is not food. Don’t do that!” Then she found that there was a lot of rubbish lying around the place.

“When people come here, they always leave rubbish everywhere,” said Du Fu.

Angela glanced at the dirty ground and said proudly, “I can help you collect the rubbish. In addition, you should promote the 4Rs concept – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Refuse to the visitors!” Du Fu and Li Bai stared at Angela while she was picking up the rubbish.

Suddenly, a tornado came up again. Angela thought that she had to return to the house. “It would be an honour if I can visit the two of you again. I have to go now, bye!” Said Angela.

“Angela, wake up! It is time for school.” Angela opened her eyes and woke up. It was her mum. It was all a dream! She rushed out of her bedroom and said to her mum, “I will start recycling from now on. I have just learnt a lesson.”

Both of them smiled at each other.

China's Magical Mountains

Diocesan Preparatory School, Ng, Cheuk Him – 9

I am Gabriel Ng. I am a scientist in 2040. I was chosen by the China National Space Administration to drive the Time Machine for travelling back to the 8th century. My mission was to discover some medicines to fight against the COVID-39 virus. Due to COVID-39, around eighty million people felt sick and some of them even died.

I was so nervous when I was driving the Time Machine. It was my first time. Finally, I safely arrived at a peak of mountain in name of Huangshan in China.

When I got off the Time Machine, I could not believe that I among pieces of white cloud in the sky. I passed through a sea of clouds and went downhill. There were many different kinds of trees and flowers along the way. Some animals came out in my view and I hadn't seen them before.

Suddenly, a large animal came over to me. "That's dinosaur! It is really big!" I gasped.

A dragon was flying in the sky and two people were riding on it. They approached to me and introduced themselves. "My name is Li Bai and he is Du Fu. We live in the tiny village house with that dragon. Why do you come here?" I told them about my mission.

Later, we rode on the dragon to the village. "We know where you can find the herbal medicine. A huge dinosaur was responsible to protect the herbal medicine. It is usually guarding the medicine. If you could chase it away, leaving the medicine unattended for a short while, we have a chance to get some of it," said Du Fu.

We flew near the village with the dragon. "That dinosaur is a Tyrannosaurus Rex!" I shouted. I suggested to chase the dinosaur away using fire.

"It doesn't work. It is too wet here. We can't make a fire," said Li Bai.

"It doesn't matter. We have discovered a blue fire recently in 2040. It wasn't affected by wind or humidity," I replied.

After our discussion, we quickly used the blue fire to scare the dinosaur away. It was out of the village at that moment. Li Bai and Du Fu immediately collected a certain amount of herbal medicine for me. We were successful in this operation.

"Why did you help me?" I asked.

"We know your ancestor – Mr Ng. He is a protector of the Yellow Mountain. He strongly recommended us to make Yellow Mountains magical and unearthly with the dragon and dinosaur," said Du Fu.

"Thank you for your help in saving us in our century. Goodbye my buddies!" I said. Then, I drove the Time Machine, and went back to our century.

I was so excited to bring back the herbal medicine, hoping to save precious lives in 2040.

Ninja Helmet in Yellow Mountain

ESF Bradbury School, Chan, Joshua – 7

Once upon a time, far away in China, in Yellow Mountain and deep inside a cave, there was a Ninja Helmet. A Ninja, in case you do not know, is an ancient hero in Japan. There were more than one thousand Ninjas living in the old capital city Kyoto. They were all desperate to own the Ninja Helmet. However, to be the proud owner of the Ninja Helmet, the Ninjas had to pass five deadly and tough challenges. The challenges were extremely hard, but Bumblebee got it. I will tell you how and what the five challenges consist of five elements and five senses.

The first element is Soil and the first sense is Taste. Bumblebee first ate different special and pill-like foods to make him small to cross a narrow and weak bridge with many cracks, which was 2 kilometres long but only 1 centimetre wide, its shape was like a python, but that change in size could only lasted for ten minutes, otherwise he would turn back to big. “I dare to taste the foods!” Bumblebee spoke to himself. He stood on the hard soil bridge, became small and went past it. The second challenge’s element is Wood and the sense is Hear, he had to hear the wild and ferocious animal in the woods and fight with his sword to pierce the animal to die and win. Bumblebee did it and made a partner. Bumblebee’s partner was a Cheetah. The third element is Fire and the sense is Touch. He had to move himself on a cable with his hands, if he fell, he would get burned. “Ride on me and you will cross it safely”, his partner the Cheetah roared. Bumblebee overcame the challenge by riding on his new partner. The fourth challenge’s element is Gold and the sense is Smell, he had to smell the monster, battle it and win it in the adjacent Gold Mountain. Bumblebee had an acute of smell suddenly after he became resilient from small. He sniffed the incense of the monster and fought with his sharp-edged sword and stiff knight armour. Finally, he got the Helmet. The last challenge’s element is Water and the sense is See, he had to see explosive and dangerous water balls shooting from a huge waterfall correctly and needed to dodge all of them. A voice from the top of the mountain said, “You have to do it until you down the mountain!”, this is the part that everyone lost and died except Bumblebee. By vigorous and persistent training every day, he could reduce his own weight and move swiftly than anyone else. Did he pass finally? You should have already known the answer. At the end of the day Bumblebee saved everyone that did not die from the dangerous and invisible pandemic COVID-19 with the mighty power gained from the Ninja Helmet.

Tales from China's Magic Mountain

ESF Bradbury School, Tsang, Jolie – 7

I am Ash, a seven-year-old girl who always get tons of weird yet creative ideas springing to mind. I am going to show you my miraculous family adventure happened in a wonderland called Huangshan, China.

In a Sunday afternoon, my parents took me, my little sister Bella, aged 4, and our dog Risky, a vibrant husky, to ride the well-known cable car in Huangshan. We were astonished by the beautiful scenery where you could see mountains covered in different layers of floating clouds. Eagles were flying in between the sharp peaks like a flash of lightning. When the cabin entered a blanket of mist, the sunbeams would brighten it up to gold!

After landing, we were shocked to see a gigantic bee about 10-inches long flying around. Naughty Risky chased it to a dark cave and we followed them. We were excited by the breathtaking view – a cave full of crystallized peaks shining in rainbow colors! Risky tripped and fell down on a turquoise rock. “Boom!” It turned into a squirrel. Bad luck continued when my parents vanished as soon as they tapped on a purple rock.

Abruptly, a squirrel jumped out of a tree staring at us and then ran away as if leading us to somewhere crucial. We went after it to another cave where my parents were there. But then they were attacked by another enormous bee knocking them down on a green rock. “Boom!” They turned into two yellow dragons. At the same time, Bella and I were fascinated with a glowing orange rock and could not help touching it. “Boom!” We then transformed into two tiny hamsters. A moment later, one fierce-looking jumbo eagle came and locked us up in a big bird cage. We were trapped a long while. When the evil eagle left for food, I looked around and grabbed a thin sharp branch to unlock the cage. We sneaked away and dashed to a foggy spooky forest then discovering a blue figure. Oh! Here came an ogre! It looked nasty and filthy but unexpectedly the ogre showed us a warm smile. He guided us to a palace hovering on a rainbow and said “Nice to meet you. My name is Champion.” We introduced ourselves and told him our encounter. Little Hamster Bella started to sob in sorrow which melted the heart of this merciful ogre. “Alright! I can help but you must promise me not to eat watermelon anymore for the rest of your life!” “Absolutely!” my whole family promised and yelled at once! Champion started to play the magic by chopping and dicing a slimy snail. He then chanted a spell “H---U---M---A---N”. “Bang!” We turned back to human! We kept saying thank you and hugged Champion goodbye. Champion instructed his adorable huge dolphin to give us a ride home at last!

This family adventure is a bit frightening but filled up with memorable experience and a great lesson – it is always a blessing to be human!

Chinese Mystical Mountains

ESF Kennedy School, Fruean, Dulcia – 7

There once was a boy with his dad climbing up China's Mystical Mountains, his name is Max. He thought it was going to be a boring long day. He saw a fierce Dragon and a Gorilla, he looked very scared. His Dad said "Don't worry they won't hurt you at all". Max still was very scared and afraid of the Dragon and Gorilla.

They went inside the temple and were both very excited. He saw a slithery snake was following a woman. David took his son to the most amazing place in the temple, it was the Dragon water at the top. His dad said "If you put your face in or drink it, nothing will hurt you or defeat you".

Max replied "Really?", Max gulped as he was excited and nervous at the same time. His dad replied "Yes son",

Max was amazed by it but scared too. He thought maybe he would drink some of the Dragon water he said in his mind. Max took two steps forward to the Dragon's water. He drank some and he started to feel strange.

After a minute or two he and his feet were lifting off the ground. He glowed and he felt indestructible "Woah!" he cried with excitement. Now he thought to himself, "Hmm maybe this isn't so bad after all!"

He landed back onto the ground while his dad came back. David said "Do you like it here?", Max said "Yes I like it a lot".

Max and his dad went home. He made a friend on the way when he went down the mystical mountains. His name is Tom, he likes trains and mountains. They went down all the very long stairs, sometimes they came back and trained because they both wanted to get in Karate Class. One day they both got in, but they were with the wrong teacher.

The teacher walked to them slowly. He said "Are you a level five student in my class?"

Tom and Max said "We're not so sure, we just started". The teacher said "Oh, then you should be downstairs in level 1." After class they went back up the mystical mountain, the bullies scared them and the bullies said "You and us up here, Karate, midnight." he said laughing foolishly.

When it was night Max was worried some of them cheated his dad came back to enjoy the peacefulness but he was seeing the bullies cheating by breaking Max's leg. They were very strong but Max wasn't. The dad was spying, once they heard footsteps, the bullies ran away so the person who was coming wouldn't think it was them but Max and Tom stayed, Tom tried to help but couldn't when the person came out of the mist it was Max's Dad. Max was relieved and so was Tom. David healed Max with the dragon water. It was like a miracle happened!

A Battle of Huangshan Mountain

ESF Kennedy School, Gao, Toby – 6

Once upon a time, there was a dragon who lived with a good emperor in the Huangshan Mountain. The dragon was the guardian of the Huangshan Mountain. The dragon was red and orange. It had a pair of wings, 5 eyes, 2 tails, sharp teeth and spiky body. It also had a “s” on its tummy and wore a cape at the back. The dragon was very strong and powerful, it had ice power and was able to turn everything into ice. It also had fire power and was able to open the ground when he was angry.

One day, 5 villains came to the mountain and destroyed everything. The 5 villains all had different powers (wind, flying, ice, laser and rock). The dragon saw the villains and got really angry. The dragon and the villains had a big fight but the dragon won eventually. The dragon swallowed the villains and kept them inside its tummy. The evil emperor, who sent the villains to attack the good emperor, sent 8 evil soldiers who were smarter and more powerful to attack the good emperor. The 8 evil soldiers used their strengths to lift up the dragon when the dragon was firing at them. The dragon used its wind power to escape from the soldiers. The dragon tried to fight back by stomping at the soldiers with his strong paws but he missed them. The dragon then opened the ground and created a big hole, he blew strong winds at the soldiers and made them fall into the hole. While the soldiers were trying their best to get out of the hole, the dragon was running out of power because he was very tired. The good emperor saw that and sent a team of bumble bees to help the dragon. The bumble bees sprayed some special honey, which was very sticky, on top of the big hole to stop the evil soldiers from running away. The bumble bees fed the dragon some energy honey and the dragon recovered. The dragon defeated the soldiers eventually and swallowed them.

The bad emperor came and had a talk with the good emperor since he had no more soldiers to send. The good emperor was very angry and said “No one should destroy Huangshan mountain!” He showed the bad emperor what he had done to the Huangshan mountain and told him that it was wrong to destroy others people’s hometown. After seeing people who lived in the mountain had no place to live and no food to eat. The bad emperor felt sorry, he apologised and promised he will be good. The good emperor forgave him and the two emperors became friends. The dragon released the villains and the evil soldiers in the end. They all live happily ever after in the same mountain.

The Secret of The Glittery Mountain

ESF Kennedy School, Ng, Gabrielle – 6

Once upon a time, there was a magical glittery mountain which was home to a village of unicorns. Lazy clouds floated across the blue sky over the village which was bursting with beautiful colors and sweet scents from the houses made of fruits. It was the happiest place on earth, full of respect and love.

Nearby was a cascading rainbow waterfall hiding the secret of the Glittery Mountain. The secret was the shimmering Crystal Heart. It was the key to happiness in the Unicorn Village.

Four unicorn guardian angels protected the magical Crystal Heart. They were called Marshmallow, Lollipop, Donut and Gummy. Each guardian had a special power. Marshmallow carried a protection shield which stopped attacks. Lollipop had awesome hearing to hear far away voices. Donut could dream the future and Gummy could see further than any creature.

At the bottom of the mountain, away from everyone, there lived the evil unicorn twins called Pickle and Pepper. They became orphans at just seven years old, running away and growing up alone with mean and selfish character. Like the other angels, Pickle and Pepper had special power. Pickle could go invisible. Pepper was a shape shifter.

One day, the guardian angels set off to find a lost baby unicorn in the woods. Pickle and Pepper heard this news and decided that to steal the Crystal Heart to make the Village grey, cold and sad. Pickle went invisible while Pepper transformed into a dragon. Pepper flew Pickle into the waterfall and stole the Crystal Heart.

The angels returned home with the lost baby unicorn and found the Unicorn Village grey and everyone was sad. They flew to the waterfall and saw the Crystal Heart was gone. They wondered who stole it. Donut said she saw a dragon steal the Crystal Heart in her dream but she didn't believe it at that time. So they set off to find the Crystal Heart.

While on their journey, Lollipop could hear the twins talking about the Crystal Heart, so Gummy looked as far as she could. They followed the voices which soon led them to the cave, where Pickle and Pepper live. The guardian angels saw them holding the Crystal Heart. They asked the evil twins to return it, but they angrily refused. Pepper instantly turned into a dragon, flew to the skies and breathed fire. Marshmallow leapt into action and protected the angels by creating a shield. At last, Pepper ran out of breath and fell from the sky, exhausted. The angels immediately ran and caught Pepper before he hit the ground, saving his life. Pickle came out of hiding and became visible again. The twins felt ashamed for stealing the Crystal Heart and handed it back. It was then the angels learned their sad story and invited them to live in the Unicorn Village.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

ESF Quarry Bay School, Lee, Raymond – 7

Once upon a time, there lived a boy born with super powers. He was named Vexi. He had super strength, invisibility power and could see through walls. He was six years old and he lived in a city in Eastern China where there was a magical mountain.

Vexi started as a student in a ninja school at the top of that magical mountain, and was trained in a battlefield. Vexi practiced day and night until he remembered all of his moves. One day, Vexi was struggling to kick down a tree. When he tried, he just fell, tripped or slipped. When Vexi had enough, he ran to his big brother Val to ask for help. As his brother had experience being a ninja, he showed Vexi how to solve his problem. Vexi practiced and practiced and finally he figured out how to kick down a tree!

When Vexi went to school, he used to be the second-best ninja in his class. The first place was a bragger called Milton. When the teacher said that Milton and Vexi were going to have a fight to see who could graduate, everyone was excited! Milton had a sneaky grin. Five minutes later, the two ninja students were ready. The teacher shouted, "Start!" One millisecond later, Milton did a sidekick and Vexi ducked. Milton threw a strong punch and Vexi dodged. Vexi thought he would win if he tried his best. So Vexi jumped to a backflip, then a front flip to dodge Milton's punch. They were flipping and jumping and dodging among the tall green trees on the magical mountain. One moment, Vexi was right behind Milton so Vexi head butted Milton. At that very moment, the teacher yelled, "whoever wins will become a real ninja to protect this city and don't need to be a student anymore!" When the boys in the battle heard that, they went crazy as both of them wanted to graduate so much! But Vexi got kicked on the chest suddenly. He stood back up right away and knocked Milton out! Vexi won and all his friends cheered! He was so proud of himself. He was also very excited to tell the news to his family. He seemed like a chatterbox when he got home. Other than that, his entire family was super happy!

However, Milton was angry because Vexi defeated him and he wanted to take revenge. One year later, Milton totally became an evil ninja. He decided to destroy the city instead of protecting it. While he was hiding in the woods behind the school to make his evil plans, Vexi noticed the strange look on Milton's face and discovered all of his plans. In order to protect his city, Vexi defeated Milton after a fierce battle. Vexi would keep on defeating Milton and his evil plans until one day Milton would change his mind and became a good ninja again.

The Yellow Mountains

ESF Sha Tin Junior School, Chan, William

Welcome to the Yellow Mountains where you can find ancient treasures, artefacts from beat poets who used to live there, and special frogs who communicate with supersonic hearing.

Once upon a time, there was a family travelling to the Yellow Mountains. The father was a scientist and the mother was a florist. The mother and father were good at technology. The son was called Henry. Henry and his mom and dad were going to hike on the Yellow Mountains. They each brought supplies. Mom brought a basket of food, Dad brought emergency supplies, and Henry brought electricity cables, a handheld video game called *War Of Robots*, a charging station that had 7 charging lines, and his phone.

They drove to the mountains. They started to hike. The family hiked up towards the top of the mountain. But Henry was tired so he had to stop to take a rest and play a game during the hike. After playing the game, he started walking on his own. He was tired so he stopped to rest again. Afterwards, he realized he was lost. "Oh no! Where am I?" He looked around.

Suddenly, there was a flash of lightning. Henry saw a creature. It looked like a Minion. It was an ALIEN in a UFO! The alien said: (In Earth language) "Hi small Earthling! I'm on holiday! My son never comes with me. He's too busy playing VIDEO GAMES! Look at this beautiful sight you are missing!" Henry took a look at the landscape around him. It was beautiful. So, he sat down and wrote a story about the Yellow Mountains. "The world doesn't need screens after all." thought Henry. Then, he went to sleep.

He woke up in his dad's car. "Why am I here?" Henry thought. Then, his phone beeped. It was a message from the alien. It read: "Hi, little Earthling! I found your dad's car and put you in. Respect the Yellow Mountains!" After reading this message, Henry felt very happy and went into his house.

A few days later, Henry went on another trip to the Yellow Mountains. He messaged the alien to tell him where he would be. This time, instead of his technology, Henry brought food supplies and a camera. Henry and his parents hiked and hiked. This time, Henry didn't sleep or play games. Instead, he looked around him and took pictures. His parents were so happy and proud. When they weren't looking, Henry sneaked away to the exact spot where he found the alien. Then, he found the alien. They had some fun together like doing jumping jacks, and playing Hide and Seek. Afterwards, Henry went back to the car and went to sleep.

When he woke up, there was another message on his phone. It explained why the alien was nice to him. The alien was a robot made by his parents to make him realise the beauty of the landscape. Happily, Henry again went inside the house to write another story.

The Peace Between Water Dragons and Fire Dragons

French International School, Agarwal, Ishana – 8

Once upon a time there were two tribes of dragons living in the Yellow Mountains. One tribe was Water Dragons and the other was Fire Dragons. The leader of the Water tribe was Silver Eel and the leader of the Fire tribe was Red Phoenix. Many years ago, the two tribes had been split by a treaty between their ancestors but still they were always fighting.

But there was one dragon in the Water tribe that didn't like the endless fighting. This dragon was Silver Eel's son, Golden Shark. His body was covered in golden scales and his teeth were as sharp as a shark. There was another dragon in the Fire tribe who didn't like the same fact – Red Phoenix's daughter, Sa-fire. One day, they met on a path connecting the two tribes together. They started talking and quickly became good friends. They decided to make a plan to bring the two tribes together.

Golden Shark with his freezing breath froze the lake where the Water tribe drank water. Meanwhile, Sa-fire with her flaming breath heated up the Fire tribe's spring so much that the water evaporated as soon as it came out of the ground. Now the two tribes had nowhere to drink! So the Water tribe had to ask the Fire tribe to melt down the ice. At the same time, Red Phoenix told the Water tribe "We don't have any water too. You want our help but we haven't helped each other in ages!"

"Well, can you *please* help?", said Golden Shark.

"Fine, but.." said Red Phoenix..

"There's always a but!" murmured Golden Shark to Sa-fire.

"Shh let's listen" whispered back Sa-fire.

Red Phoenix continued "Later, you have to help us."

"Agreed," said Silver Eel.

So the Fire tribe went to the lake, Red Phoenix put his paws on the ice and concentrated his energies. Soon, the ice melted and the lake was full of water again.

Next, both tribes went to the springs and Silver Eel very slowly cooled down the spring with his icy breath.

Both tribes were delighted that they had water! They decided to throw a party to celebrate. At the party one Fire dragon suggested "How about we cook food to thank them?" "Yes, lets cook a nice meal for them, Dad", said Sa-fire. "And how about we give them some fish from our lake, Dad", said Golden Shark to Silver Eel.

"Let's do it!" said both leaders. "The fish sounds splendid", added Red Phoenix happily.

"How about we join forces permanently? After all, we've now learned how to use our powers together", said Sa-fire. "I agree, Dad," said Golden Shark.

"Wow, that's a big step but I'm willing to go for it", said Silver Eel.

"I'm willing too!", said Red Phoenix.

And this is how the two warring dragon tribes of the Yellow Mountains came together – all thanks to the plot hatched by Sa-fire and Golden Shark. Shh... don't tell anyone...

Yeti

French International School, Blanchflower, Henry – 8

A long time ago in Ming China in a tall mountain some people believed there was a Yeti. But there was nothing to be afraid of because of this boy... who made Yeti and humans friends. So now I will tell the story.

One boy said he wanted to do a job for his parents. So one day his mother said to go fetch some berries from the mountain. So the boy went out and got a basket and went to the mountain. He went higher and higher until he was lost. Then he heard stomping, it was a Yeti! But the boy heard another stomp and a Little Rock hit his head. He had fainted then the yeti picked him up. And brought him to the cave stuck to a mountain. There were berries everywhere he grabbed some put in his basket and ran off. But Yeti stopped him, he said the boy was lost and he will help him get home. Soon they became friends.

Soon they crossed a river and some trees but then they heard more stomping sounds BOOM!!!! Then Yeti and the boy ran away. Those are bad yetis he said. Soon they reached the city then Yeti grabbed everything he saw.

“What are you doing!” The boy said.

“I can’t stop it!” Said Yeti.

Then a policeman saw them.

“What are you doing?” He said. Yeti dropped everything. The policeman choked out silly words. Yeti explained everything.

“I see” said the policeman. So he told the King then the King told all the villagers and Yeti and humans became friends.

The Bunny Who Moved the Mountain

French International School, Cheung, Sam Nam Annice – 7

Once upon a time, there lived a bunny called Ding Ding. He lived very close to a gigantic mountain. Each day he would have to climb up and down to get carrots, and it was very tiring for him. He would go to the farm to get some carrots, then climb back up and down the mountain to go back to his house. A couple of weeks later, Ding Ding had a brilliant idea— He could ask all the animals that lived close to the mountain to help him mine the mountain. When he told the animals, they all agreed to help him. Each day they would mine a bit of the mountain.

Finally, the mountain was destroyed and all the animals cheered, they were all so happy. A few weeks later, Ding Ding took an empty basket and went out of his house, off to the farm and got lots of carrots. He placed them all into a basket and went to the market. He bought different kinds of food for the animals that helped him. When he got back home, he brought out the food and gave it to his friends.

The Tale of the Name Yellow Mountain

French International School, Fung, Micah – 6

A long time ago, when the world was just created, it was boiling. The king ordered everybody to bring a towel when going outdoors because, well, because it was piping hot. And so, people did. Then, it became super, piping, boiling, hot.

Then, the king thought his people might want to get some exercise. So, the people decided to make a man-made mountain in every village to hike on. One of the mountains that they built was so high it almost reached the Sun. The Sun burned the mountain like a superhero.

The mountain fell to tiny pieces. Then, the people started to build the mountain all over again. They were feeling frustrated. This time, they built it medium-sized.

But, when they’d finished, the mountain was yellow! So, they named it (DRUMROLL) “The Yellow Mountain”.

Magic Hat

French International School, Lee, Man Him Hayden – 6

Once upon a time, there was a man who was poor living in the yellow mountain. He was a farmer to grow plants but there was no rain for 1 year. So he could not sell any plants to earn money. Then he went to the temple to ask for help. “Hi, God, please can you help to rain?” said the poor man. Then, he went back to his home and he saw a man. The man gave him a magic hat and he prayed for rain. Suddenly, there was raining all over his farm. He was so happy and his plants grew fast. Then he could sell many of his plants to make money.

The man was no longer poor and he went back to the temple and said “ Thank you God, I returned the magic hat so that you can help more people.” He left the hat in the temple and then he lived happily ever after.

A Magical Turtle

French International School, Lee, Philbert – 7

Once upon a time, there was a magical Yellow Mountain in ancient China. It was high above the clouds and near a volcano. On the mountain, there was green grass and tall and big trees everywhere. Also, there was a turtle called Fly, who had a small head, feathery flappers that could help it fly, big eyes and a solid shell on its back. Its shell could protect it from lasers. It could live in water and land.

The reason it was called “magical mountain” was because there was a magical plant. The plant could give power if animals passed the test. The test was: what did you do good to people. Fly passed the test by saying “I helped my friends to defeat predators.” That’s how it got its powers. Fly could fly by using its flappers and rush to another place like a flash.

One day there was a volcano eruption next to the mountain. Fly lost its powers because the plant died. Fly tried to escape from the mountain but ash killed it. It got preserved in the soil.

After a million years, scientists found Fly’s fossil on the edge of the mountain. They put the ‘fell off bones’ into the right place. When they put the bones back, they shouted exhilaratingly: “Wow, what a lovely turtle!”

Ruby Mountain

French International School, Miller, Alexander – 8

There was once a secret ruby as scarlet as blood guarded by an army of magnificent flying dragons and dinosaur warriors as ancient as time. Chan was a jealous man and he had heard stories that the ruby had secret powers to create storms and lightning bolts. With these power, Chan could defeat his enemies. The ruby was hidden deep in a beautiful icy mountain that reached up to heavens. Nobody knew about the mountain because the mist screened it from humans. One day, Chan chased the mist which led him to the mountain. It was as green as an emerald but frozen in ice. The mist disappeared into a fissure and Chan squeezed in and explored a secret passageway that the guardian dinosaurs and golden dragons didn't know about.

Chan got lost in the twisting tunnels but then he saw a glowing red cave. He went in, and grabbed the secret ruby. "This will give me lightning powers, magic powers, darkness powers, fire powers, and hurricane powers," he laughed. Chan was a cruel man and he decided to try out his powers. Chan ran outside into the daylight. Holding the ruby, Chan used his darkness powers and everything turned dark purple. Thousands of sparkling diamonds appeared. Chan exclaimed, "I will be rich!" When he tried to seize the diamonds, they ran away. The diamonds were the eyes of the petrified gazelles, antelopes, lions and tigers. Next, Chan used his hurricane power. The angry hurricane appeared, but it blew the creatures to safety. "Why is this happening?" whispered the animals. They huddled together in the darkness.

The next day, Chan used his fire power to harness the sun's power. Then something strange happened. The ice melted quickly. Beautiful fragrant flowers and exquisite plants bloomed. The flowers were as blue as sapphire, and as yellow as the sun. Breathtaking pink white cherry blossom trees grew on the emerald grass. The mountain was a singing rainbow. Chan could not understand why this had happened. Next, Chan used his water power and stopped the waterfall. Under the waterfall, Chan saw golden eggs, diamonds as big as ostrich eggs, and treasure chests full of gold. He had accidentally discovered the treasure belonging to the King Dragon. Chan was carrying the treasures out when he fell into the water. "Help me!" screamed out.

Suddenly, the King Dragon rescued him. The animals bought him food and cared for him. Chan felt happy. He cried, "I am not going to be evil or greedy anymore. I don't want any of the treasures." The King Dragon said, "You don't need to steal. The treasure is in your heart. You can be kind." "I wasted time on revenge. I promise I will be good," wept Chan. When Chan returned to his village, he didn't tell anyone. Everyday Chan looked at the mist and sang happily. On the misty mountain, the dragons, dinosaurs and animals sang along knowing their secret was safe.

Christmas Eve on the Yellow Mountains

French International School, Sharma Gharde, Navya – 7

In the misty Yellow Mountains of Huangshan, a little girl named Lan woke up at dawn as usual. She got ready to deliver buns her grandmother baked every morning. As she biked down the pebbled path next to a sparkling river, she saw a strange old man. He had a long silver beard and was sitting in a torn suit, and looked rather sad.

Lan felt sorry knowing that he was lost and hungry and offered him some buns to eat. With the old man's belly full, they set off with the riding in the back seat of the bike to deliver more buns. On the way, the old man saw tens of thousands of stone steps and some amazingly tall trees which Lan explained were each over 1500 years old! The old man was filled with wonder looking at these magical sites. Before he knew it, Lan had parked her bike at a wood cutter's workshop.

Stop 1: Woodcutter's workshop

The woodcutter happily greeted Lan and her new friend who Lan explained was lost. The Old Man asked the woodcutter if he had seen a missing sleigh somewhere, but woodcutter had alas not. So off went Lan & the old man to their next stop. They made their way through tiny village houses, which looked as if they were floating on clouds. A magical view indeed!

Stop 2: Tailor 's cottage

The old tailor was busy stitching a royal gown when she saw Lan & her guest, who she noticed was wearing a torn suit. The gown the tailor was stitching was a rich red made from the best silk from the mountains. Collecting her buns from Lan, Tailor waved goodbye to them as they hurriedly left for their next stop.

Stop 3: Shepherd's barn

Next to a dark mysterious cave, was the barn where a young shepherd girl was busy minding her flock. She welcomed both Lan and the old man as she collected her pack of buns. The old man asked the Shepherd if she had seen his lost reindeer, but she had not. As Lan was done delivering all the buns for the day, she and the old man went back to Lan's place.

On their way back, a big surprise awaited the old man. He saw the woodcutter standing with the most beautiful handmade chariot made from the tall pine trees found on the Yellow Mountains. Also, the tailor stood with a new crimson silk suit. It shone from afar, as the silk was freshly made from the several silkworms that roamed the mountains.

The old man quickly changed into the nice suit and revealed with a jolly smile that he is Santa Claus ! He was on his way to deliver the very last present , when he lost the way and fell over. He thanked all the kindhearted villagers for taking such good care of him.

Now if only he could find some way to fly this chariot given his reindeers must be by now at the North Pole. Just then...he saw the Shepherd flying down on a rather giant creature, a bird perhaps? Or...wait is it a REAL, ACTUAL, DRAGON?! Santa couldn't believe his eyes!

The Shepherd explained the legend of dragons that the Yellow Mountains are known for are indeed true! The dragon lives in the caves near her barn and is the protector of their village. It would love to drop Santa back to his home. Santa thanked them with his heart for all the love they showed him. He hopped on to the dragon's back and before flying away, took out the last present from his pocket and gave it to Lan, who was the kindest child he had ever met.

That day, Santa experienced the most magical Christmas in the magical Yellow Mountains. Not only these mountains had the most wonderful sites, but also the kindest people. Santa could not wait to visit Yellow Mountains on the next Christmas eve!

Fighter who was the Strongest Dragon in Ancient China

French International School, Yung, Tsz Yin Henry – 7

Chapter 1

Once upon a time, there was a dragon named Fighter who had spikes at the tail, spikes at the top and plates at the tummy. He was covered all in brown, a little light but mostly dark brown. He lived happily on the grassland in Ancient China. He was eating a spinosaurus and it was a big one. He kept eating until he was full. He thought he could hide the meat of spinosaurus in that cave but he was wrong. It was a cave of a male dragon called Bonus. Fighter went in and Bonus came to attack Fighter. The two battled in the cave but Fighter was stronger than Bonus. Bonus said, "I surrender, and we be a team." "Okay" replied Fighter, "but you must promise that you will be in my team forever."

Chapter 2

The next day, Fighter and Bonus set out hunting a brontosaurus. They were flying high in the sky. They saw a brontosaurus with its long neck sticking out of the trees. Fighter and Bonus attacked the brontosaurus. Before they killed it, the brontosaurus looked behind and screamed.

They heard some footsteps, they looked back and then there was a Tyrannosaurus Rex. T Rex was much bigger than them as it was two stories high. But when Bonus and Fighter worked together, they could beat the T Rex. Fighter quickly said to Bonus, "You stay on the left and I stay on the right to distract him, and then you bite him!" The T Rex was distracted by Fighter but Bonus bit him and the T Rex was their meal.

Chapter 3

Fighter and Bonus became friends. They went back to the cave together. There was still the meat of spinosaurus, so they kept eating it. Fighter said, "It is still so fresh!" Bonus said, "Oh...." Suddenly, the mountain shook and the ground beside them split into half. There was a temple right in front of them, so they quickly to the Yellow Mountain of China. They blew a harsh fire at the temple and destroyed it.

Chapter 4

They couldn't live in the cave anymore as the cave was already very dirty because of bat pooh. They got some sticks and built a house with a bath tub which was connected to the nearest lake for water. Their house was orange, yellow, blue and green on the inside and on the outside the colour was blue. On the second floor, there was a blue slide that led to a pool at the front of their house and in the pool beside them there were two puppies and got a garden so they could grow their own food. Or they would have to use the environment's food and there will be less and less and less. It was almost Christmas. Once they finished building their house they made a Christmas tree. They lived in this house happily forever.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

Fukien Secondary School Affiliated School, Wong, Hoi Ling – 9

A long time ago, I was a volcano. After a huge eruption, the solid ground on the Yellow Mountains was melted on me by lava. Lava then became soil. After several years, people planted different species of plants on my body. They included sunflowers, water lilies and cauliflowers. After my body was full of plants, people decided to show the beauty to everyone. I observed that the sunlight that shone on me made me as bright as a pearl. Also, people started to put more rocks to make me taller and taller. Now, I am about 1.864km high. In addition, people made me a special mountain name. As the village around me was called “Huang Village”, they called me “Huang Shan”. They carried the large words “Huang Shan” on me. I had another name called “Yellow Mountain”. Anyway, I am happy with both of my names.

I would like to share one interesting fable to you. One day, magical raindrops started falling on me. They were very special because the water from the raindrops would not get dried up even if it stayed in the sunlight forever. Also, people who drank the water would become younger. After several years, the magical raindrops formed a large-area puddle and anyone who jumped into it would suddenly become younger.

Another interesting fable is the strange rocks. It was strange because a rumour, there was a dragon that turned into a rock a long time ago. At the stormy nights, the dragon would come back alive, like a zombie and flew around people's houses to take people as food. Therefore, people would not go to find me in adverse weathers. Alright, this is the end of the story.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

Fukien Secondary School Affiliated School, Wong, Hoi Yee – 9

Yellow Mountains was made for more than a million years. The Yellow Mountains is one point in Anhui province of China. Although they were not the tallest mountain in the world, they were much taller than mountains in Hong Kong. In nature, there are a lot of big, grey and black rocks there. We called them as Rocky Mountains.

One day, a king became old. He was worried that his death would come soon. His servants said that on the Yellow Mountains, there was a special elixir of life. When people took this elixir, people could live forever. However, no one knew the exact location of this elixir. In order that that king lived forever, he decided that he and his servants went to the Yellow Mountains.

When they came to the Yellow Mountains, they were divided into several teams, each of which dug for valuable elixir of life. However, they did not find any clues after several months. Most of the servants gave up and left the teams of the king. Only two servants were left and still helped the king looking for the elixir of life. The king was very disappointed and he doubted the existence of the elixir of life.

Suddenly, one servant discovered new species of plants which were not seen before. All of them recognized that these plants were elixir of life from rumour. They felt very excited to take the plants away. After the king came back to his palace, these plants were used to prepare for different kinds of food. He lived forever at the end.

After you listen to the fable of the Yellow Mountains, the moral of the fable is that in order to succeed, patience is very important.

China's Magical Mountain

HKUGA Primary School, Chan, Tsz Yu Hailey – 8

There is a Mountain in China, far away from Hong Kong, called “Beautiful Mountain.” The name already tells, the mountain is Beautiful. The woods are tall, the air is fresh, the lakes are clean, the Sun is warm and the wind is soft.

There lived 6 families. Each has a job to control one element. The elements are plant, air, Sun, land, wind and water. They lived together happily, and that's why the environment looks perfect.

The family controlled the Sun was called **Solar**, the air family called **Flow**, the wind family called **Blow**, the plant family **Woods**, while the water and land, **Liquor** and **Earth**.

One day, Solar was tired of looking after the Sun, they left and went to the city. Although Solar was disappointed by the noisy and dirty environment, the air was not fresh also, they left Beautiful Mountain to the city. “Phew! We can take rest” Said one of the children in Solar, “I don't need to work much now.” “Yeah!” Said the rest of Solar family.

As Solar left Beautiful Mountain, the other five family noticed the Sun disappeared. “Oh! Why there is no Sun?”, Wood said. “Let's call Solar” Said Earth. Ring~Ring~, Nobody answer. “Ugh, let's go to their house” Said Flow. Suddenly, a message popped out in Blow's phone. “Oh no!”, said after reading the message. “What?” They all questioned curiosity “They are in city, and will not control the Sun anymore” said Blow. “Oh no! But everything needs the Sun to stay alive!” Shouted all together. They started to worry, because they all know how Sun is important to the mountain! “We must call Solar back!”, agreed all families. They tried to call Solar and beg them, but it didn't work. They started to take turn and control the Sun. But it was not as easy as they thought.

After one month, Beautiful Mountain changed a lot, it was no more beautiful, plants were yellow, water was not clean, they even seldom met wind in that month..... “Huff~Puff” Woods puffed exhausted. “I cannot take two jobs anymore. See I cannot even make plants green now”. “Me too!” Said Liquor. “We must ask Solar back”, all nodded their heads. They set off to the city.

In the city, Solar had started to feel boring in after 2 weeks without work. But they afraid to back to the mountain because they rejected the 5 families very rude. But they really miss the place and the day they worked together with the families. They finally decided to visit the mountain. However, they were shocked by the worsened environment of Beautiful Mountain. “Is this our Beautiful Mountain?” Doubted Solar. “It is all our fault!”. Solar started to work, but it changed not much. When Solar keep trying to work harder, 5 families were back. They didn't say anything, but work together.

As you know, when Solar is back and 6 families work together, the original Beautiful Mountain is back also.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

HKUGA Primary School, Wu, Sum Yu Alvina – 8

My school just taught us a poem, written by the great Chinese poet, Li Bai. I was sitting in a shady spot under a tree, practicing the poem. It was so hard to recite it that I fell asleep. When I awoke, I knew I wasn't under the tree anymore. I looked around. Suddenly, I realized where I was! I was on the mountain, Huangshan, where the poem was about! It was so magnificent. Then, two men emerged from the mist.

"Who are you?" I asked.

One said, "I am Li Bai."

The other said, "I am Du Fu."

No way! I couldn't believe it! They were the most talented poets in China!

"I don't mean to be rude, but could you show me around the mountaintop?" I asked.

"No problem!" Du Fu replied.

Li Bai said, "Let's show her the stunning waterfalls first."

We followed Li Bai. His eyes were glistening. He said, "Behold! The most gorgeous landscape in China!"

I was stunned. Li Bai walked backward, admiring the picturesque waterfall. Then he walked further backward, and stumbled off the cliff! Du Fu and I were so shocked.

I called out, "Li Bai!"

Du Fu thought fast. He chanted something mysterious, and a beautiful dragon landed on the mountain.

"Oh no!" I screamed, "I'm too young to die!"

Du Fu acted as if it was nothing, and said, "Don't worry. This baby is going to save Li Bai!"

A wave of relief rushed through me. The dragon flew down the mountain, and caught Li Bai in his claws.

Phew! The dragon placed Li Bai on the mountain, next to us. The dragon whispered something in Li Bai's ear. Du Fu and I were so curious.

"What did he say?" we asked.

Li Bai replied, "The dragon says I have to stay on the mountaintop forever, and help spread all the good poems from generation to generation."

I blurted out, "You're so lucky. This is a beautiful place!"

Li Bai was surprised. "I wish I had taken better notice of where I was going, now I have to stay here forever," he said with a sigh.

"And it's time for you to go now," Du Fu said to me.

He gently pushed me off the mountain.

"Bye!" I yelled.

No sign of them. I woke up. Wow! I went to Huangshan just now!

The next day, I was chosen to read the poem in front of my class. To my surprise, I read it without any difficulty! It has become my favorite poem since I had the dream about Huangshan.

When I got back home, I asked Mom and Dad, "Can we climb Huangshan someday?"

They asked, "Why?"

"Because I want to see Li Bai and Du Fu *again*." Dad and Mom shared a look and shrugged.

"She's crazy," said Mom.

After years, we climbed Huangshan when I was older. Memories of the two poets came back to my mind, but that's another story.

The Mystery of Huangshan

Kau Yan School, Chung, Wan Yau Abigail – 8

Long time ago in Mars, there lived a girl and a boy named Lee Tong and Lee Shan. They lived happily with their parents. Once, their father decided to take an adventure and explore other planets. They rode their spaceship and approached Earth, the nearest planet to Mars. When they arrived on Earth, they found themselves in a black mountain range, which was full of peculiarly-shaped peaks, steep cliffs and pine tree forests. There was no space to land. Unfortunately, the spaceship ran out of fuel and crashed into the mountains. Lee Tong and Lee Shan survived the crash but their parents died.

After that, Lee Shan and Lee Tong lived by themselves in the black mountain. They felt depressed but they wanted to make their way back to Mars.

“What should we do now?” Shan asked Tong.

“We need to find the sacred crystals to refill the nuclear engine of the spaceship,” replied Tong. “There is a cave on the side of the mountain; maybe we can find some clues there.”

They went to the cave but they found there was a three-headed monster, which was guarding the crystals. The kids heard the snoring sound and they thought the monster was sleeping. They were determined to take the crystals and go home, so they sneak into the hole. Unexpectedly, one of the heads of the monster was still awake and spotted the kids.

“What are you doing here?” the monster roared angrily.

Shan and Tong were terrified. They ran out of the cave but the monster would not let them go. They fled to the foot of the mountain and suddenly saw three men. The man in the middle looked like a noble man with power. He was surprised to see the kids.

“What’s wrong, kids? Can I help you?” said the noble man.

“H....help! A monster is chasing us...” gasped Tong in fear as the monster appeared behind them.

The three men grabbed their bows and arrows and aimed the heads of the monster. They killed the monster in one shot.

“Thanks for your help,” Tong and Shan said together gratefully.

“You are welcome. My name is Huangdi. Why was the monster chasing you?” the man asked curiously. Tong and Shan explained to Huangdi about the crystals and where they were from.

“The crystals must be the elixir I have been looking for,” thought Huangdi.

Huangdi and his friends followed the kids and went to the cave. When they arrived, they were blown away by what they saw. The crystals were the most amazing thing they have ever seen! They were glowing in the dark with shimmering yellow light. Tong and Shan took the crystals and fixed the spaceship.

“Would you like to come with us?” Shan asked Huangdi. Huangdi has never seen a spaceship before so he accepted delightfully.

Since then, nobody has ever seen Huangdi again. Many people came to the mountain to try to look for deity and they called it the Huangshan.

The Yellow Mountains

Kiangsu and Chekiang Primary School, International Section, Lee, Ethan – 7

Once upon a time, there were two countries called Jan and Hisis. On map they looked identical and could be mistaken for each other.

One day, a war started between the two countries. The earth rumbled with sounds of horses galloping into battle. Soldiers, with their polished lances, were ready to shed blood.

Kamar-Taj and his twin brother, Kamuu-Taj, were the Twin Rulers of Jan. They lived in Yanomami Village, a peaceful, little place located on the foot of the dark and mysterious Yellow Mountains. The twin brothers were happy rulers, and when the war ended, they made a pact with the King of Hisis that no one is allowed to enter the other country without permission.

Many years later, Estaban de Ablo, a citizen of Hisis, broke that rule. The King of Hisis asked Shinobi Aoi, the god of prophecy, how Estaban should be punished. Shinobi Aoi told him that a dragon will appear and bring death and destruction to the country very soon.

However, as the two countries appeared identical, Shinobi Aoi accidentally released the dragon into Jan instead of Hisis! Shinobi Aoi felt extremely guilty and returned back to his temple in the sea of clouds. Fearing for the safety of Jan, the Twin Rulers began their search for the person with the highest power to defeat the dragon.

A monk, dressed in yellow robes, was practicing his martial arts when a messenger appeared. The messenger told the monk that the Twin Rulers were seeking for his help.

Soon, the monk arrived at the palace of the Twin Rulers, and after having heard about the dragon, he said, "I accept the challenge to fight the dragon and bring peace back to the country!"

Later that day, the monk set off in pursuit of the dragon. The Twin Rulers offered him support but the monk refused because he didn't want others to be harmed. The dragon was a fearsome opponent with huge horns and sharp claws. Nobody, not even gods could defeat it.

The dragon and the monk met at the top of the Yellow Mountains. The dragon charged at the monk with its sharp horns, but the monk evaded. The monk struck the dragon with his long staff repeatedly, but his efforts were wasted as the dragon had impenetrable skin. Knowing that he could not defeat the dragon by force, the monk decided to use magic.

The monk drew water from a nearby stream in attempt to drown the dragon, but the dragon used its glass-like scales to reflect the water back at him. In a desperate scramble, the monk evaded the counterattack.

In a final attempt, the monk opened a portal to the underworld with his magical powers and forced the dragon into it.

Peace was restored as the dragon disappeared.

So sometimes, if you see a cloud in the sky, it is actually the dragon's ghost. It is still looking for that village in the Yellow Mountains that was last seen centuries ago.

Pigs and Chickens

Kiangsu and Chekiang Primary School, International Section, Tse, Andrew – 7

The story took place in 2100 BC. There was no electricity back then. There were pigs and chickens living in a mountain in China, which was yeah, magical. All the animals lived in caves. The temperature at the magical mountain was usually around 30°C.

There was this one pig – now this pig is the LEADER of the pigs. This pig is pretty young, OK, 15 years old! This pig is clumsy, sometimes whoopsie-daisy, curious and gets in trouble. He can talk and he likes inventing. There was then a chicken, and this chicken was the leader of the ... well, chickens of course. This chicken is sort of young – 15 years and a minute years old! This chicken can also talk and was a bit fat. He is quite dumb and sometimes brainless – so he could never ever stay out of trouble. He cannot sleep but he is very energetic.

The pigs and the chickens wanted to build a time machine called “Skycar”, so that they could travel to Australia in 2020 to visit Andy and Terry who wrote and illustrated the famous Treehouse series, Just Annoying, Just Stupid and Just Kidding. Since they did not have enough jobs for every animal, they decided to build more Skycars. They built the Skycars out of magical mud from the mountain. They chose the Pig Leader to do the designing and the Chicken Leader for engineering. They shaped the mud for one month. When they were done, a few of the animals were sad because they could not build anymore.

After an hour of travel ... dud dud dud dud went the time machine, suddenly they were all in Thomas EDISON’s lab. Edison turned around and screamed

“Why is my lab full of pigs, chickens and time-machines?”

“We... we... we were just try... try... trying to get to 2...2...2020 but we got to 1877!” muttered the pig leader. *“Can you help us?”*

“Sure I can”, said Edison, *“I tried more than 10,000 times to make a light-bulb.”*

So they all set to work. After an hour they were done so they all set off, including Edison. But then there was a huge storm.

“We have to get to 1905 to get windshield wipers from Mary Anderson!” shouted a pig above the roar of the rain and thunder.

After a minute they were there. Mary gave them a pair of wipers and they were off so was Mary. After a long long trip they were finally at Andy and Terry’s treehouse. Andy invited them in and Terry gave them ice-cream to eat. All the Animals were amazed and asked, *“Can we stay?”* Terry replied, *“Sure”* and they all lived happily ever after in 2020.

Adventurs in Qing Cheng Mountain

Kiangsu and Chekiang Primary School, International Section, Xu, Helen – 7

During my last vacation, I was excited to visit the beautiful city of Chengdu with my family. Chengdu is a city in Chinese Sichuan Province, where we can see lots of Pandas.

As the plane came to a halt at the airport, I peered out into the misty sky. I could feel the excitement in my stomach. Very soon, I would be going with my family to visit Chengdu's famous pandas.

We were so tired after a long flight, I felt asleep quickly after arriving the hotel. When I half awaked, I saw 3 pandas came in and I'm scared that they might attack us. But surprisingly, the Panda in the middle said, "Welcome to our home, let us take you to play!"

We followed the Pandas to a huge boat made of bamboo. We got on the boat and saw many fish swimming along with us. One blue fish with holes all over its face looks like a snake. Afterwards, we took cable car and reached top of the mountain, where we could see the birds flying in the sky. The birds had Gorgon hairs and they were very scary.

I saw there were heart-shaped cherries on the trees, and the Pandas lifted me up to reach them. Cherries tasted a bit sour and like mint, a taste I never tried and would never forget. I felt breeze blowing my face and hear monkeys squeaking. I looked around; there were no people but us here.

We played for few days, until the last day, we realized that our luggage was missing. We looked everywhere in the hotel, and found nothing but monkeys' hair and banana skins. "It must be the Monkey King!" screamed my little brother. Derrr, he always believes the existence of Monkey King. "We can ask the magic mirror" said Pandas, "it will take you and get back the luggage."

We followed the Pandas to a cave and we saw a mirror lying there. Mummy asked, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of all?" NO! Not this question, Mummy! Then I asked, "Mirror, Mirror on the rock, who stole our luggage?" The mirror answered, "Follow the waterfalls and you will see."

We followed the instructions of magic mirror and came to a cave with a wallfall curtain; We broke into the curtain, and entered a very nice cave filled with flowers and fruits. Here he is, Monkey King is sitting on his throne and playing our ipad!!! My little brother said "Hello, Monkey king, do you see our luggage?"

"Nope!" Said the Monkey King.

"How about we gave you the ipad and you helped to find our luggage?" I proposed.

Monkey King seemed to like this idea; we taught him how to take a picture and he offered us his delicious fruits feast. Finally we became friends and you know what? Not only he gave back our luggage, he also used his superpower to send us home with clouds and mists. What a wonderful adventure.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

Korean International School, Leung, Jasper – 6

Once upon a time, three dragons namely Inferno, Frostbite and Violette were living in a cave at a China magical mountain, Huangshan. Actually, Inferno was a fire dragon, Frostbite was an ice dragon and Violette was a lightning dragon. Inferno could generate fire from his mouth, Frostbite could freeze bad people and Violette could breathe out lightning.

Inferno, Frostbite and Violette were good dragons and they loved to destroy evil dragons. For example, there was a dragon called Ender dragon which was black in colour with purple eyes. He has four legs, two hands and he could breathe out purple fire which was very scary. One day, Ender dragon met with Inferno, Frostbite and Violette at the cave. Another dragon called Chaosguardian, which was red in colour, with purple spikes and eyes also joined the good dragons to fight the Ender dragon. This red dragon was very powerful, he could fly in the sky as he has two wings at the back with a tail, he has four legs but he has no hands. Apart from the above-mentioned good dragons, there were three other good dragons namely Bonegy, Matma and Starlite who would also like to join them. Actually, they liked to eat cookies and to drink milk before the fight. Now, the fight began. Violette started to breathe out purple lightning, Chaosguardian breathed out purple fire and Frostbite breathed out iceberg. Ender dragon moved away from the attacks. Suddenly, twelve "Endermen" appeared to help Ender dragon. They were small but they were quite powerful. Inferno then breathed out fire, Matma breathed out purple fire, Bonegy breathed out bones and Starlite breathed out stars. All breathed out fire mixed together into golden fire and golden tornado. The fire and tornado went up to the sharp peaks and down to the villages on the ground to trace the escaping Ender dragon. At this juncture, a golden dragon namely Andy with one hundred golden Andymen and one hundred walking diamond suddenly appeared. They fought the Ender dragon badly. Violette also flew in the sky and breathed out lightning. However, he missed. Another dragon called Everest breathed out water and flooded the land. Dragon Everest was a sky dragon who belonged to the cloud of Huangshan. The water he breathed out was very strong and was very much like a Tsunami. Ender dragon jumped and flew in the sky. He escaped from the flooding water and flew back to the cave. He was injured badly and later died.

The Ender dragon dropped an egg before he was dead. Huangshan became peaceful again after his death. All the good dragons were very happy and lived peacefully ever after.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

Korean International School, Singhal, Sujay – 8

Once upon a time there were two friends - Christy Hui and Ho Lai, who lived in the mystical mountain. They had a huge amount of crops, money and fields. One day some traders from Beijing came to Mystical Mountain and needed shelter so the friends let them stay. But little did they know that the traders wanted to steal the land! One of the nights they heard a noise. It was the traders! The traders had a secret army! Christy and Ho ran until they were in a jungle. "What should we do now?" said Christy. "I have no idea" said Ho "I think we should survive and try to make a village" said Ho. So, they made a big village.

Ho and Christy had a wedding and had 7 boys and 7 girls.

Their names were Lizzy, Mao, Jenny, Christina, Tang, Chan, Muqui, Bao, Wang Lei, Zhang, Bohai, Bojing and Bolin. The family lived happily. One day a man named Bai came he said that his parents got killed by a cheetah and he needed a place to stay they said that he could stay as long as he wants.

Bai and Mao got really close and eventually married. They had two children Chang and Chao. One day they met a dragon! The dragon became their pet!

They named the dragon Roarer. With Roarer they went to ancient Egypt, Japan, India and space. In Egypt, they met the sun god Ra and prayed to him to grant them powers to fight the traders. Ra told them about the key of power which can defeat the traders. The key was buried inside a cave in Mystical Mountain. Ra gave them pills to become invisible and then locate the key. Ra told them that they will reach in twenty minutes if they leave now. The journey was treacherous. The jungle was dense, lions were roaring. Finally, the family with the help of invisibility pills retrieved the key and chanted the sacred inscription written on it. As a result, Ra's army appeared and together they attacked the traders.

THERE WAS A GREAT WAR BETWEEN THE TRADERS AND THE FAMILY.

THEY SHOUTED GO!!!!!! THEY SHOUTED DEATH!!!!

THE DRAGON ROARED FIRE until THE FAMILY WON!!!! The family settled down in their new home and lived happily ever after.

The Herbal Journey

Marymount Primary School, Lei, Gianna – 7

Walking along the curvy mountain paths, I gazed at the misty sky and an image came into sight.

Once upon a time, in a village deep in the mountains, lived a villager, Li Zhang, and his benevolent wife. Their daughter, Chun, had married a young scholar, Han. Together they lived a rather joyful life.

One day, however, Li and his wife fell ill. Chun and Han immediately headed out to the mountains to collect herbs in order to boil them some herbal tea.

Suddenly, Chun caught sight of a golden deer. It amazed her so much that she wanted to keep it as a pet. But Han refused, he believed that rare animals should be kept in the wild.

Curious, Chun runs off, following the deer.

There was an evil cackle.

The king of the demons, Troy, who had ten heads and sharp teeth, was looking at her. He was attracted by Chun's beauty. Even though Han was a clever scholar, Troy didn't like it that he married Chun. So the demon made up his mind to marry Chun instead.

With a wicked snail, he kidnapped Chun and brought her to his palace at the peak.

When Han was about to show Chun the golden deer, he found out that she disappeared.

Suddenly, a lot of flying rabbits appeared. One of them told Han the whole thing. Han was furious, but he had an idea. Han called them to collect some herbs. When they returned with a whole bunch of herbs, he boiled half of them immediately and left the other half for the old couple.

He created a potion, making the sky misty.

As the demons were all asleep in the palace, the rabbits quickly rescued Chun. Then, listening to Han's demands, they poured the potion in the sky. It became misty.

When the demons woke up, they all bumped into each other and died on the spot. Han thanked the rabbits and returned home with Chun and the herbs. They lived happily ever after.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

Marymount Primary School, Pang, Crecia – 7

The Yellow Magical Mountains are strikingly beautiful and look like adventure is awaiting. Mist blankets the mountains from dawn to dusk. But now, the mountains are slowly falling apart. Chunks are falling inside the hollow mountains and only one person can stop it.

Crystal Mist is drawing a family tree and just finished her mother. After finishing, she was sleepy and stumbled to bed. A voice echoed to her in her sleep, “Crystal, I’m your mother, your real mother! The Yellow Mountains are falling apart! I need your help. Come save them!”

Crystal woke up startled. “What happened? Who was that?” she wondered. Her tired eyes darted everywhere. “Where are you?” Crystal shouted. “What are these ‘magical mountains’?” There was a need to save whatever those mountains were and Crystal was going to do it no matter what.

The next thing she knew, she was in a castle of mist! She had no idea how she got there. She gasped. “How am I standing on mist? Where am I?”

Suddenly, the beautiful woman from her dream was there. She was a stranger to Crystal, but she still wanted to call her ‘mother’. She knew this was insane, but she still said ‘mother’. The woman smiled and said, “You finally admitted your biggest secret.” Crystal didn’t understand and became frustrated. Suddenly, there was rumbling inside her body and before Crystal knew it, mist shot out of her hands. Crystal froze.

A loud crash came from outside and Crystal ran out just in time to see one of the mountains crumbling and people suffering. She stumbled back shocked, “What should I do?”

As she watched the mountains crumble, a single person escaped, running towards her. Crystal tried to talk to her, but she didn’t respond. Crystal shook her shoulders and the girl screamed. Crystal stopped, and backed away. The girl turned to Crystal and said, “Who are you? Did I escape?”

Crystal said, “You did. I’m Crystal. I’m here to save the mountains. Who are you?”

“I’m Claire. Can I help you?”

“Yes, we can save the mountains together.”

While they stood in front of the mountains, Crystal heard a voice. “Trust in yourself, Crystal. We know you can do it. Trust in yourself and prove you have the courage to make us solid again.”

Crystal knew that whoever spoke was counting on her. She released all the energy she had and shot mist towards the Yellow Mountains, filling the core. Claire was interested and wanted to help. She followed Crystal and mist shot out of her hands too.

Crystal was shocked, “How’d you do that? How do you have powers like me?”

Claire had no idea.

Crystal shouted, “Help me, use your powers to save the mountains!” Claire did and the Yellow Mountains were saved and so were the villagers.

In the end, Claire and Crystal found out something about their family. They also found out when they believe in themselves, they have powers that keep the Yellow Magical Mountains alive.

Tale of the Magic Stone

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Poon, Hei Yu Hayley – 8

As the sun rose over the snowy Yellow Mountain, the wind almost knocked Huang off his feet as he continued to climb. Huang was brave and strong. Nothing was going to stop him finding the emperor stone. His dad told him that the stone was magical. It belonged to Huang Di, a legendary hero who left the stone in Yellow Mountain before he became a god. It is thought those who possess this stone will control the world. In the past, hundreds have died battling the extreme weather whilst climbing up the hostile snowy Mountains. Some were killed by the powerful wizard, the current guardian of the stone. Huang's dad was one of the many Wizards victims. Huang swore to take revenge on the wizard for his father's death.

Huang continued to climb until the storm ended. He was now standing on the peak, looking at the sea of clouds and the oddly-shaped pines and rocks. He recalled what his father said: "To find the stone, you have to ask the oldest living thing on Yellow Mountain."

"Looking for the magic stone?" said a Pine Tree which suddenly came alive.

"Who's that?" He was shocked!

The Pine Tree is 1,500-year-old. It was growing in the hard granite rock at 1,680 meters above sea level. The tree told him that he only knew where the wizard was. The wizard lives in the Celestial Being Cave.

It was night time and the wind was whistling. When he passed a stairway that was long and dangerous, something suddenly appeared. It had three eyes and looked like a monster. IT'S THE WIZARD! He chased the wizard into a frozen cave which was full of beautiful gemstones, but there was no magic stone to be seen. Huang picked up a sharp icicle and tried to throw it at the wizard. The cave suddenly started shaking.

"The exit has been blocked!" exclaimed Huang. He took a couple of steps backward and saw something written on the wall:

Magic power from the sky

Up the mountain high

GEN WO LAI

Only if you can fly

He quickly spotted a small hole and sneaked out.

"SQUAWK!" a Pelican swooped down and told Huang to ride on his back.

He fluttered his wings and said "I know where the magic stone is." They headed towards the Peak and saw a gigantic stone standing on the summit with a tiny stone balanced on top. "It's the magic stone!", "Grab it!" said the Pelican. The stone flew around so fast it was impossible to catch.

Suddenly the wizard emerged out of the mountain mist with fury! Huang remembered the message on the wall and screamed out "Gen Wo Lai". Miraculously, the tiny stone dropped from the sky into Huang's hands. The wizard lashed out in an attempt to kill Huang but Huang quickly threw the stone in the river of lava flowing down the mountain. The spell on pelican and old tree was broken and the wizard perished. Everything turned silent.

Huangshan Diamond Trouble

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Chan, Isla – 7

Long ago, thousands of years before now, there lived a kind man called Xiao Ming. Xiao Ming was the chief of the village and he took his job seriously. He lived high, high up in a pretty little village in Huangshan. He lived in a tiny but cozy house with his family and they were happy.

This little village was very special and only the people that lived there, knew about this village because, to reach it, you would have to climb over 1000 steep stone steps. There was a secret, however, that all the villagers knew, but no one talked about... A dragon lived near the beautiful, quiet village. Each month, the villagers would dig up 200 diamonds from a nearby cave. Unfortunately, this was also the dragon's cave. The dragon thought that it was unfair that they should come to his home and take all these diamonds without ever asking. Each month, he would hear them climbing down the hill and then creeping into his cave. Then they would be digging in his cave for hours, leaving a mess. Decided to teach the villagers a lesson. He would fly over the village and burn it down when they all left for their diamond hunt. He would set the village on fire whenever they left to steal his diamonds.

Sure enough, the villagers left on their diamond hunt and just as they were digging, smoke rose from the village. Xiao Ming spotted the smoke in the distance and alerted the villagers. They rushed out and raced to save their village. After they had put out the fire, Xiao Ming rang the village bell and called for an emergency meeting. He was mad at the dragon. He declared, "something must be done about this dragon! He cannot just burn our village like this!" The villager and Xiao Ming could not decide on how they can communicate with the dragon, so they used black ink and a giant piece of paper and painted a sign. The sign was a picture of the fire and many sad faces of the villagers. They left the poster by the cave.

When the dragon woke the next morning, he saw the picture the villagers had made, and he understood. He knew he had caused a lot of sadness, but he was still angry with them for taking the diamonds. Xiao Ming bravely crept into the cave later in the day and spoke to the dragon. The dragon understood him! The dragon shared his feelings about the diamonds being taken from him. Xiao came up with a plan. The villagers would set up a big meat feast the day before the diamond hunt, once a month.

From that day onwards, the villagers of Huangshan had a monthly feast with the dragon, and they continue to live in peace until this day. Xiao Ming continued to take care of the village for many years.

Misty Mountain

Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School, Zhang, Yu Han Zoe – 8

In Tang Dynasty, there was a misty mountain called Huangshan. In this mountain, there was a village on the highest peak where Li Bai and Du Fu lived. The poets enjoy writing and singing poems or drawing and they always make sightseeing tours around Huangshan.

One day, Li Bai invited Du Fu again to travel together. They decided to go somewhere new and have beautiful scenery where they have never gone. They came to one of Huangshan's peak. It's just facing a wide and beautiful lake. The color of the lake always changes. Sometimes blue, sometimes green, sometimes golden...And there were many kinds of colorful flowers on the bank. Several phoenixes are flitting about in the Chinese parasol tree. The beautiful scenery fascinated Li Bai and Du Fu. Then they decided to have a competition about writing the best poems.

Du Fu chanted poems about the flowers. Suddenly, the whole sky began to rain flowers! When he chanted poems about sunrise. It's so amazing! The time went back to sunrise! Everything Du Fu chanted were all turned into real! They were so surprised! And they wanted to know why everything can understand what they mean. Li Bai calmly raise his brush pen, flowers suddenly popped out on his brush pen tip. Then he swooshed his pen from left to right, the whole mountain shook and Li Bai said in a loud voice 'All the mountain!' Then all the mountains grew higher than before. And there was a tower on the top of the peak in the cloud. He versed a poem.' Skyscrapers are so tall that I can reach the stars, I can't make any louder voices, because I'm afraid of waking the gods. 'The two poets continued their chanting until suddenly the ground began to shake. The sky became multicolored. Li Bai lifted up into the sky with a giant and white cloud under his feet. Du Fu also rode a dragon and also lifted onto the blue sky too. As they flew higher, the surroundings shrunk. Soon, the sky turned into darkness, the surrounding air became humid. Suddenly, a loud and deep rumbling sound came from the sky. The rumbling lasted for several minutes, but there was no rain! After a few minutes, there was a giant CRASH! The two people look down and were surprised. The whole mountain fell apart and crashed the whole! The only thing left was tumbling stone, Li Bai and Du Fu were shocked, the only thing they need to do is find a new home.

They searched and find almost all the places, but none of them were fits. Li Bai sighed and said to Du Fu.' perhaps we need to fix our home. 'Du Fu agreed. They came back to Huangshan and start to rebuild their house. Du Fu chanted verses about pine trees, and pine trees come out. Li Bai chanted verses about flowers. Then flowers come out. Soon a whole new Huangshan was rebuilt! Li Bai and Du Fu were so glad! So they live in Huang Shan comfortably until they died.

Ching Met Her Real Mother

Po On Commercial Association Wan Ho Kan Primary School, Dhakite, Manasvi – 8

During Ching's childhood, Ching would always look at the Huangshan mountains (also known as the Yellow mountains), he felt that the 85-degree-almost-straight mountains were calling him. He was curious. Several times, he tried to climb the mountains but never got to reach the peak. His foster mother would pray to the dragons that he would fail to climb the mountains in fear that he would get hurt or left her to go back to where he belonged.

One day, while climbing the mountains, Ching reached a very narrow ridge with a big gap to the other side of the mountain. He lost balance and fell down to the thick forest. He was stuck between the entangled vines; struggling to come out of it. Surprisingly, a dragon appeared and commanded the wind to blow off a vine from the tree so Ching could grab it. He took a super long swing to the peak.

Ching saw a huge palace. It was as beautiful as a heavenly jewel that fell to the earth. The palace was surrounded by many twisted pine trees, a few hot springs, a sea of clouds and many colorful flowers like rhododendrons.

However, he saw some slaves were working very hard. They were struggling to hold on to a statue and it was about to crash on them. He wanted to help them, but he couldn't do anything.

Suddenly, he saw a witch, she said "I am witch Xiang, and this is my kingdom because the queen was captured." The dirty queen was kept in an enclosure, her hair was full of dust and she looked like she didn't take a bath for many months. Ching was shocked and ran to the palace to save the queen. The queen was as happy as a clam when she saw him. Then witch Xiang spotted him cutting the chains, she flew to him and swayed her wand to curse him, but the dragon appeared and destroyed her magic and gave Ching his ancestral sword to fight against witch Xiang. Ching grabbed it hesitantly. The slaves heard the commotion near the palace so they went to see if everything was fine. Ching started to fight with witch Xiang and angrily pierced her heart and saw her bad soul coming out.

Before escaping, witch Xiang said, "This is not the end of the story, I will come back and rule this kingdom!" And she vanished.

Then, Ching went and released the queen. Ching asked, "What happened?" His mother replied, "I'm your mother, Queen Vannisa. Nineteen years ago, a prophetic voice announced from the sky that witch Xiang's tyranny is going to end when I give birth to a son and he would one day defeat her. Before witch Xiang killed you, I gave you to a family which was faraway." Ching was happy to unite with his mother. Their eyes were moist with love. Later, everyone was invited to a lavish celebration.

Tales from China's Magical Mountain

Po On Commercial Association Wan Ho Kan Primary School, Parmar, Geet – 9

Tales from China's Magical Mountain

The Mountain of the Yellow Emperor in eastern China, a place so magical that it seems almost impossible to believe in its magic. Also called Huangshan, these ancient mountains are beautiful with sharp peaks surrounded by floating clouds and villages high up on these mountains hiding beneath the mist.

The first secret is about the 'Yellow Emperor'. He was called this name because he loved the yellow color. He loved everything in yellow, including yellow animals, yellow clothes, yellow bottles, yellow plants, etc. He was given the name 'Yellow' because of his love for the color. The reason why he became Emperor was because the throne has been passed on in his family and no one else was willing to take up the responsibility of being an Emperor.

The second secret is about the discovery of dinosaur bones. While the construction workers were digging in the soil of these enormous mountains, they found some suspicious objects like dinosaur bones, which belonged to both baby dinosaurs and elder dinosaurs. It was known that those discovered bones were then used to make human legs for the disabled. When people living in the villages disobeyed or broke any rules, their punishment would be getting their legs chopped off. If those punished people can satisfy the witch with their behavior in the next month, they would be given 'legs' as a reward. However, those 'legs' would actually be the dinosaur bones used to make legs. Moreover, the dinosaur bones were also used to make broomsticks for the witches, that are the helpers of the Witch Queen.

Apart from the secrets, the mountains also have a lot of magical features. One of them is that each tree has only one fruit that is shiny while all other fruits are normal. It is shiny because that fruit is the sweetest. Another magical feature is that there is beautiful and long golden grass sent by God. All the grass made the mountains look beautiful and eye-capturing. Thirdly, whenever anyone smelled the green trees and colorful fruits, they will float high up in the sky.

After the 2 poets, Li Bai and Du Fu, knew about the floating trees and fruits, they decided to live on these beautifully magical mountains and to explore them. While staying in the villages on the mountains, both Li Bai and Du Fu learnt a lot about nature from the other villagers. This inspired them to write more poetry about life in the wild and about nature. While the villagers taught them about their lifestyles, the poets taught the villagers about poetry. The poems that Li Bai and Du Fu wrote about those mountains were then published worldwide. The poems were very popular among people and soon, Li Bai and Du Fu became very well-known Chinese poets.

Tales from China's Magical Mountain

Po On Commercial Association Wan Ho Kan Primary School, Parmar, Kavya – 9

Once upon a time, on the Mountains of the Yellow Emperor in eastern China, also known as Huangshan, there were loads of secrets unfolded by the 2 poets, Li Bai and Du Fu, who lived there for most of their lives exploring the magic in these mountains.

The flowers there were controlled by the witch. Whenever we touch them, they would disappear while the red flowers would not disappear but instead they would sing a song. This is because the witch has a connection between the flowers, humans and herself. When humans touch the flowers, the witch will feel like someone has touched her. She hates the feeling of having anyone touching her. So, she will make the flowers disappear in order to avoid people from touching them again. And as for the red flowers, they were grown by the blood of the princess that the evil witch killed before. As the red flowers are made from a pure and beautiful soul, they cannot be controlled by an evil power like the witch.

Although some things are controlled by the princess from heaven like those red flowers, the kingdom is still run by the evil witch and everyone must obey her. The witch was told about poets Li Bai and Du Fu wandering around in the mountains. In order to stop them from going out of these mountains and telling people outside about this kingdom, she cursed both poets and said, "This is my kingdom! You must obey whatever I say to you because I am the queen here. If you shall disobey, you will be killed immediately. If you go out and away from these mountains, you will die." Upon hearing this, the poets decided to stay on these magical mountains. As Li Bai and Du Fu started spending more time on these mountains, they realized some of the many magical features it was holding. The mountains grow 1 meter higher every day and new flowers mature every day as well. One day, both the poets were wandering around in the kingdom when Li Bai saw something suspicious. "What are those things high above the sky?" Li Bai asked Du Fu. "Oh! I know what they are. Those are the fairies and elves high above the sky." answered Du Fu.

As it was hard to escape, the poets decided to write poems about their lives. One night, their poems were stolen by the witch because she didn't want anyone else to know about these mountains. Next day, Li Bai got an idea. "Let's ask the fairies and elves for help!", said Li Bai. When they reached the village where the fairies and elves lived, they asked Holly, the princess fairy, for help. Holly and the other fairies agreed to help them. "Let's fly high to find out who took them." said Holly. Holly sees the witch keeping the poems in a den and asks all the fairies to distract the lion while she grabs the poems. Both poets were very happy and thankful for the fairies that were able to find their poems.

The Magic Story of Huangshan

Regents Primary School of Shenzhen, Jiang, Zi Han – 9

Huangshan has some mysterious caves where the dragon lives. The dragon is the guardian of Huangshan. To a certain degree, the dragon can make the mountain be full of vitality. For example, there are quite a lot of pine trees and the history of which is more than five thousand years and all of them are tall and straight. Besides, more than ten thousand stone stairs are the same age as the pine trees. In addition, beautiful scenery on Huangshan is surrounded by clouds. It is obvious that the dragon makes Huangshan more beautiful and magnificent. It attracts many poets who come to Huangshan to find the dragon.

The dragon can't leave the caves in the daytime as the sunlight will damage its skin. If the dragon was deeply hurt by sunlight, he would leave Huangshan. So, dragon seeds live in the tiny village on a cloud. Dragon seeds are not dragons, they are little dragon men who have horns on the head but have the appearance of people. Their most important duty is to protect the dragon from sunlight. So, they have made a customized sun-proof clothing for the dragon. However, the dragon lives quietly and privately, so it is difficult to find them. The little dragon men came up with an idea. At night, they make a big cake which emits a tasty flavour and includes sleep grass to attract the dragon. Sleep grass is a kind of grass that can let the dragon fall asleep immediately. When the dragon is sleeping, they will get him dressed, so that the dragon won't be hurt by sunlight and keep guarding Huangshan.

Huangshan is called the misty mountain because of its mysterious stories.

On the Yellow Mountain

Regents Primary School of Shenzhen, Li, Zi Mu – 9

I am a dinosaur. I am from ancient times. I love our ancestor, Yellow Emperor.

Long long ago, Yellow Emperor went to a mountain by riding his carriage and became immortal, so the mountain was called the Yellow Mountain.

The Yellow Mountain is a huge rock castle. Every rock is a beautiful mountain. There are some famous pines called the Pine Greeting Guests, which many people like to see.

I like to play between the rocks and trees. When I jump, I can see the sea of clouds, they look like my dinosaur family. Oh! How I miss my family.

Sometimes I can see the light of Buddha. The light of Buddha is full of mystery and luck. When I look around, I may see a 600m long waterfall! It seems like a huge ribbon.

I like the tea garden on the top of the mountain. Keemun black tea is my favourite tea, and it's also famous all over the world.

I have some friends here too! They are Macaca arctoides. They live in the mountains, but I live at the top of the mountains. In fact, I was just a cloud, a dinosaur-size cloud.

A Tale from China's Magical Mountain Huangshan

Regents Primary School of Shenzhen, Lin, Da Wei – 8

Long long ago, space was an egg. There was a huge man named Pon Gu who slept for a long time. But one day, the huge man woke up and used a hammer to break the eggshell. Soft and bright things flowed that made the sky hard and a not so bright colour fell to the ground. But Pon Gu thought: "If the sky and the ground get together, then the world would be dark again."

Pon Gu used his head to reach the sky and used his feet to touch the ground.

A long time passed. When the sky and the ground were made and shaped, Pon Gu was too tired and fell to the ground and died. But his body turned into mountains, lakes and plants. So Huangshan is one part of his body.

From that, human beings said hello to the new world. Everyone lived happily. But one day the god of the fire, who had human face and a snake's body, and the god of water, who had human face and a cow's body, got into a fight. At last, the fire god won. The water god used his head to hide deep under Huangshan and dig a hole in the sky. Suddenly the sun passed through the sky. It was too hot to burn the water under Huangshan. Water became vapours which rose from the top of Huangshan. That is why Huangshan is always packed with clouds.

At that time a goddess Nv Wa saw the hole in the sky, and used Huangshan's rock to fix the sky that made Huangshan's rock strange.

Time passed, the pine tree living in Huangshan's stiff rock is Pon Gu's hair. His hair grows very strong. It tells us that Pon Gu's soul is still alive.

In fact, I have never been to Huangshan, but this tale attracts me. I wish to travel to Huangshan one day, to touch the god's body, to see his hair and to enjoy the vapour clouds.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

St Joseph's Primary School, Chow, Kwun Ki – 7

Once upon a time, there was a dragon lived in a huge mountain in China. It is called “The Magical Mountain”. The sun in the Magical Mountain was always hidden by the misty clouds.

One day, a little boy named David went to the Magical Mountain for an adventure. When David went to the middle of the mountain, he saw a woodhouse. Suddenly, a horse was chased by a lion and clashed to the woodhouse. Fortunately, the horse did not get hurt. It stood up and ran away.

The sky was getting dark and it began to rain. David was looking for shelter. He saw an old man walking nearby with an umbrella in his hand. The old man wanted to help David and he invited him to his house.

The rain stopped and the clouds cleared out, David left the old man's house. He saw a flying dragon in the sky. The dragon was green and big. It had two horns on its head and it had a sword in its hand. The dragon saw David and it flew down to him. Its name was Driyon.

“I lost my mother, can you help me to find her?” asked Driyon.

“Yes, of course!” said David.

Driyon opened a map and it pointed at the bottom of the map.

“I have lost my mother here.” cried Driyon.

“Let's go there to find your mother.” shouted David.

Then, Driyon carried David and flew to another mountain, called “Magic Gold Mountain”.

Driyon was telling David how he lost his mother. “This morning, I flew to this mountain with my mother. We flew to the top and we found so much gold in a cave. Suddenly, a bad guy caught my mother and locked her mother in a big cage. I was very scared and I flew away for help.” Driyon said.

Driyon and David flew for an hour. Finally, they arrived at the cave. Suddenly, a fierce tiger jumped on top of the gold. It could talk and it knew Driyon's name and its mother's name.

“Driyon, I have been waiting for you, and finally you are here,” the tiger continued, “Your mother is locked up in the cage inside the cave.”

“Help David! It's my mother” cried Driyon.

Driyon carried David and flew down to the cave. They saw there were three guards in front of the cage.

“Open the cage!” Driyon told the guards, “Or you will be in big trouble!”

“David, takes the sword from me.” said Driyon.

David took the sword and defeated the guards and they ran away. Driyon unlocked the cage and let his mother got out. Driyon's mother gave Driyon a big hug.

“I miss you very much.” said Driyon's mother.

“Me too, mother.” said Driyon.

“David, thank you for saving me!” said Driyon's mother.

At the end, Driyon and its mother went home together. David decided to go with them and they lived happily ever after.

Huangshan Odyssey

St Joseph's Primary School, Choy, Tung Shing – 8

Last Christmas Eve, my parents and I went to Huangshan. There were many beautiful mountains that were covered in snow. I saw a very lovely Phoenix and began chasing it until I went out of my parents' sight. I tried to follow my own footprints back to find my parents but the snowstorm already covered the track. I felt cold and nervous so I entered into a cottage not far away.

Inside the cottage, there were two men with long hair, wearing traditional Chinese clothing, drinking wine and playing a sword. They were very kind and let me in. Then they introduced themselves as "Li Bai" and "Du Fu"! Wow! The famous poets of the Tang Dynasty! I was thrilled to be teleported and I asked both of them, "How could you write such noble poems?" Du Fu pointed to the back door and replied, "You could go through this door and what's behind inspired us." I immediately rushed through it and there was a shining light on the other side. I heard Li Bai's fading voice, "Young gentleman, you would need certain magic code to return home and the code is....."

Suddenly I felt very warm and it was spring with green leaves and trees everywhere. I heard a voice nearby, "What are you doing here?" To my disbelief, it was a dinosaur! The dinosaur said, "Don't be afraid. I am an herbivore. My name is Huangshanlong. If you want to return home, you need to get through the cave behind you."

I was determined to return to where I belonged so I started my trip with Huangshanlong and we crossed a river when I was required to find some giant rocks so we could step on them to go over to the other side. I saw other dinosaurs and even flying dragons on my way. We then came to the entrance of a mysterious cave. Huangshanlong turned to me and said, "My job is done, you will now need to go pass the cave by yourself and you will see a golden gate. Please say the magic code to return home."

I tried to calm myself down and started to recall the moment when I left the two famous poets. I started to murmur Li Bai's Quiet Night Thoughts, "Bright moonlight in front of my bed; I thought it is frost on the ground. I raise my head to behold the bright moon, then lower my head thinking of home." My tears were dropping as I deeply missed my parents.

I heard someone calling my name and I slowly opened my eyes. "Christophe, are you ok? We have been looking for you!" My body was covered with snow and I told my parents about my unbelievable story. Daddy said, "Huangshanlong is EXTINCT and the poets have passed away CENTURIES ago." Mommy added, "Honey, there are no cottages around and you must be dreaming!" Well, perhaps they were right. But what an amazing journey that was indeed!

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

St Joseph's Primary School, Chui, Ching Yu Angus – 8

A long time ago, there were a wizard and a witch living in a huge mountain which soared high up in the sky. The mountain was so high that it was even taller than the cloud and reached outer space.

The wizard and the witch were living happily alone in a cozy mansion just five hundred metres below the Earth atmosphere. Sometimes, they could not breathe when they climbed up the top floor of their mansion.

One morning, while they were eating breakfast, there was a knock at the door. A tiny elf, the postman of the mountain, delivered an invitation card to the wizard. The wizard was so happy because the invitation was sent by his brother who lived at the bottom of the mountain. The invitation was about his brother's birthday party and there would be scrumptious food and games for the guests. Friends of guests were welcomed, too. The wizard immediately invited his best friend, Quetzalcoatlus the flying dinosaur, to give them a ride.

When the birthday party was over, his brother got a T-Rex to bring him up the mountain. When he got back home, he saw a ghost standing right in front of his mansion's door. He was so scared that he fell off the mountain and landed on his brother's house. Luckily, his brother's house was bouncy and cushioned so that he was safe.

He was thinking about what the ghost was and why it was there. He thought for a whole day and finally understood what the ghost was sent by the Monster in the mountain and it wanted to steal the wizard's home and kick him out of the mansion. The wizard wanted to fight back. He asked T-Rex and Quetzalcoatlus to be his team member. According to the legend, they had to get the almighty sword of the Mountain to beat the Monster.

The wizard's team were ready to find the sword. The wizard found a diary which his father gave him before he died and there was a map. The wizard followed the directions written on the map and found a small cave. The cave was very dark but the wizard was not afraid at all. He went into the cave and saw something glowing in the dark. It was the sword!

The wizard brought the swords back to his brother's home and he mixed his finger nails, dinosaur's hair and hamster's tail to prepare some magic poisons. The wizard asked T-Rex to bring him back to his mansion. When he saw the Monster, he poured the magic potion onto the ghost to freeze him and as soon as the ghost had stopped moving, the wizard stabbed the sword into the ghost's heart. "Oh no!" yelled the Monster and it vanished into the air.

Finally, the wizard took back the mansion and saved the witch. They lived happily ever after.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

St Joseph's Primary School, Das, Rayan – 8

Far in the middle of Eastern China, there are three mysterious peaks in the misty mountains. Humans always want to find out what is above the floating clouds. Although they would give it their all to climb up the thousands of stone steps leading to the peaks, they would either fall off the cliffs mid-way or get tired and give up. No matter how hard they try, the top seems unreachable.

But I know what is above the refreshing and cool mist: I am a ninja, living in the middle peak! On the peak to my right live the gods of wind, thunder and rain. They invited the poets to live on the peak to my left. The gods have asked the poets to write poems about the magnificent sceneries to share with the humans. My ninja mates and I train the four ferocious dragons: the fire, thunder, rain, and wind dragons, to protect the gods and the mountains. The dragons love to swoop around the ancient pine trees surrounding our tiny village houses high above the clouds.

One day, as I was training the wind dragon, I heard boots stomping. “*Who could that be?*” I wondered. I peered down the peak to see. “*Oh no! They were dragon thieves!*” Dressed in camouflage suits with nets in their hands, they were looking around as cunningly as foxes. I immediately knew what they were looking for: our precious dragon eggs. I had no time to think how they got up here. Hurriedly, I called the other ninjas to protect the eggs and summon their dragons. The dragons bravely used their powers to scare the thieves away. For the first time, the four dragons combined their powers as a team to form a mega blast – the skies turned dark with thunder and rain. Fireballs were sent with gushes of wind. The humans have never experienced a storm as frightening as this one before. They dropped their bows and spears and ran for their lives in every direction. The dragons remembered what they learnt in their training and passed this challenge with flying colours. I was very proud of them.

Soon after that, the gods told the poets, “Let’s start writing poems about the human lives and virtue, such as protecting their country instead. We should stop writing about the beautiful sceneries above the mist and not tempt the humans in coming up again.”

From then on, peace returned to the mountains once again.

The Secret Mountain

St Joseph's Primary School, Kwok, Ayden – 7

In a big mountain, there are thousands of stone soldiers guarding the entrance. I run inside with the invisible drink so that no one can see me anywhere.

“Wow, it’s insane,” I say. Inside the mountain it likes a building with different levels. Then I follow the glass tunnel walking down to the ground.

The bottom level, it seems like 66 million years ago where I only can see many dinosaurs and trees. Some of the dinosaurs are flying, some are walking, and some are drinking water near the river.

Then I move up to the second level. A lord with his 1,000 knights are holding sword and fighting the monster to take the shiny crystal. The monster is holding a hammer and smashing the lord’s knights. “Oh, so scared, better to run away!” I say.

On the next level, which looks the same as where I live in. High buildings, cars and machines, people with modern dressing... “I can understand what they’re talking about,” I say. People can speak Cantonese, English, French, Japanese... “Where am I now? I have never been there before!” I say.

Moving on to the fourth level, it looks like a laboratory. There are many materials saved for experiment. Scientists are busy for making robots. The robots can walk, talk, eat, and work like a normal human. “Are they pretending a human?” I ask.

I follow the glass tunnel, and it is really dark. I cannot see anything. After few minutes, I arrive at the top of the mountain. The mountain is colourful and looks very beautiful. Suddenly, “Ouch! I’m falling down!” I shout. I fall down from 10,000 metres to the ground, then I close my eyes...

Bang! I open my eyes and sit on the floor next to my bed. Luckily, it’s just a dream.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

St Joseph's Primary School, Lam, Cyrus – 7

Huangshan is one of the world's most famous mountains. It is located in southern Anhui Province in eastern China. Many tourists visit it each year just to see the beautiful sights. The view is magnificent with over a thousand peaks and oddly shaped rocks. The mountains are over 1800 meters high so they look as though they are touching the clouds. The sea of clouds gives the mountains a dreamlike state while the golden orange sunrises and sunsets are extremely charming. Many people know about Huangshan through art and literature as many famous poets and artists have lived there but there is more to Huangshan than what's written in book.....

Hidden in one of the many mountains, there is a small and secret village filled with magical elves. These pint-sized, violet-skinned magical elves have lived there for more than a hundred years. They need to drink the spring water there every day in order for them to have magical powers. Thanks to the water there, these elves can become invisible anytime they want. That's why they have not been discovered by humans for so long.

The elves did not always live in Huangshan. They first lived in the city but the humans captured them and experimented on them. Next, they moved to the rainforest but they were attacked by the wild animals and creatures. The elves then decided to move further away and ended up in Huangshan. Since finding out that the water there gives them magical powers, the elves have not left.

Now that you know the secret of these little elves, next time you go to Huangshan, look for footprints that are small and webbed. Those prints are not from ducks, they are from the magical elves!

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

St Joseph's Primary School, Lo, Si Lin – 7

Once upon a time, in the Yellow Mountains, God of Heaven always heard something like this, "Emergency! Come and help! Someone fell off the Yellow Mountains!" God of Heaven decided to send a beautiful angel named Maily to protect the people who lived and worked in the mountains. Maily had a good friend called Marly. Marly was a worker whose job was to carry food up to the hotel on the top of the Yellow Mountains. Although her work was hard, she earned very little money.

One day, while God of Heaven was having his scrumptious lunch, Maily rushed to the heaven by heaven-jet because she had an important message for the God. God was so astonished to realize Marly had decided to quit her work as she thought it was too tough for her. God dropped his spoon as he was surprised and hit the phone booth and smashed into thousands of pieces. "Marly is about to leave." Maily said sadly, she grabbed her magic compass out and murmured, "Marly is heading north. Oh no! She's about to fall off the cliff! I must go and save her." Maily rushed down to the mountains and checked for Marly. "Marly, where are you?" Marly was heading east, five minutes to where Maily was standing. What could Maily do? Her magic had been lost as she couldn't use it in the Yellow Mountains, but she heard an old legend that Wizard Lizzy can be called in emergency. Maily raced to the cliff and called.

Everyone called Wizard Lizzy when they were in danger as he had dark brown hair and wide, big feet. When Lizzy arrived, he first threw some magic out. Then, he held Maily's hand next, he used a strand of his hair, blew it with magic and turned it into a broomstick. The flying broomstick flew to Marly, lifted her up and saved her life. Maily felt different now, she had her magic back! They both flew up to the sky. "When you hear the beep beep sounds," said Lizzy, "Fly lower and you can see Marly." So Maily flew lower and looked for Marly. "Luckily I caught you," laughed Maily happily, "or you would fall to death." "You are joking, right?" asked Marly. "Yup!" joked Maily. They laughed and laughed until they got back to the hotel. Then, Lizzy's phone rang, "Ring...Ring..." "Who is ready for a party?" asked God of Heaven from the other side of the phone. "Us!" answered Lizzy, Maily and Marly together delightedly. When they got to the heaven, God of Heaven had already prepared two private-jets for Lizzy and Maily as rewards for saving Marly's life. Besides, there were loads of food on the dining table. The food looked delicious. "This is the best party we've ever had!" cried Lizzy, Maily and Marly happily.

At the end, Marly changed her mind to stay and worked in the Yellow Mountains because she wanted to meet her friends, Lizzy and Maily.

Treasure Hunt on Huang Shan

St Joseph's Primary School, Ng, Hon Man – 8

My name is Tommie, Tommie Ng. I am a detective, I like to search for treasure. I live in a small cottage on Huang Shan, a place located in the east of China. One day morning, I decided to go out for some water when I spotted a note. It said, 'Find a strange looking tree that stands more than thousands of years, grows on rocks and looks like a welcome sign.' 'Strange' I said, 'on rocks? Thousands of years? What kind of tree is this?' Full of curiosity I decided to investigate. I took my backpack, tossed in my flashlight and got my map ready and jumped into a whole new adventure. I supposed this tree is on top of a mountain. I decided to climb up. I saw a path hidden on my way to the top of the mountain, it leads to a staircase, I followed the staircase up to the top of a mountain. I heard snakes hissing, birds chirping and mountain goats maaaaaahhh... I saw many weird mountain rocks, they looked like pointed teeth, platforms and steep hills. A sea of clouds passed by, what a spectacular sight, only gods can live here. It was so beautiful that I forgot how long did I walk.

I was about to sit on a bench when I suddenly saw that I reached the top. Then I heard a voice said, 'Welcome to the top.' I began to search for where the voice came from, as I got nearer and nearer the tree the voice grew louder and louder. Then I saw a kind and old face on the tree. It said 'I have been here since 1000 .B.C .' I looked at the tree and found out that this was the tree I was looking for. But there was something suspicious about the tree, it had a box. I opened the box and saw a note that said, 'congratulations, you have found one out of four Huang Shan's precious treasures. There are still three more to go. Enjoy your journey.' I was excited and looked forward of what will happen next.

Secrets behind China's Magical Mountains

St Joseph's Primary School, Shum, Ching Cheung – 7

Pangu is a giant beast and is one of our ancient human ancestors. He separated heaven from earth. However, the sky was so heavy that Pangu's arms were almost broken trying to lift it. He used all his energy to push the sky upwards and sweat dripped from his body as he strained his muscles. He became so tired that he fell asleep, and after a while, he died.

Suddenly, Pangu groaned and yelled out to himself, 'Lazy bones, wake up now and push the sky upwards!' Upon this, the bones quickly stood up and formed strong, tall mountains. Pangu's hair also overheard and flew up into the sky, creating dragons of many different colours. They wanted to help him take care of the sky.

After many years, the dragons became very bored, and they wanted to play games with fire. Some of them roared and shot flames out of their mouths. The fire spread into the mountains and the rocks were seriously damaged, which is why we see so many that are oddly shaped. Some were still extremely hot after hundreds of years. A group of dragons decided to cool them down so that they would have a place to rest. They sprayed a stream of water onto the mountains together, and this created a lot of mist. This is why we can see an ocean of clouds surrounding China's magical mountains. The water dragons fell sound asleep after their hard work. The next time that you visit those magical mountains, be careful. Remember not to wake the dragons up!

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

St Joseph's Primary School, Tang, Will – 8

At night, I was waiting for my Mom to go to bed and when I heard she was fixing her clock, ready to sleep. I grabbed my backpack and was ready to go to find something adventurous to do today. After a long walk, I found a high mountain and saw something moving. I was curious so I went up. To my surprise, I saw a lot of dragons! We became friends and found out that they only eat one kind of food that is '*applenana*' which is a rare big stone on top of the mountain that we must never touch or else we will die. After a fun night, the dragons brought me back home on their backs.

Next night when I was about to sleep. One of the dragons came to me and it was so scared, so I asked, "Why are you so scared?" Then it replied, "It's because some monsters took over our mountain and are taking our stone and you have to help us." Then I jumped on the dragon and flew to the mountain.

When we got there, we saw a huge mess! Dragons and monsters are fighting, some dragons are protecting the stone. Therefore, I told one of the dragons, "Try to get more dragons as possible. Then make some shields, swords and arrows. I will help to make bigger armors for you guys and make a tight and high fence that will be made of rocks." So, the dragons did what there were told.

After some hard work, we attacked and won! The dragons thanked me and let me grant three wishes. I wished for the dragons to be safe and live peacefully, I wished that this story can be told to the many people out there and at last I wished that I can be famous. Then the dragons swung their tails, and I was back to my bedroom.

Now, when people saw a statue of a boy with three dragons, they will remember the story of how brave the adventurous boy saved the dragons.

The Secrets of the Majestic Yellow Mountain

St Joseph's Primary School, Thapa, Nicholas Masato – 8

Think about what could be discovered in the Yellow Mountain and what happens there. Could someone or something be guarding the mountain?

In the Yellow Mountain, new species such as purple boars, nontoxic frogs with distinctive colours and killer butterflies might be found. Some myths tell a treasure hidden deep inside a cave beneath the mountain called The Roblin, a hard gem that is unbreakable. Legend has it that it has been cursed by an unknown empress as she attempted to get revenge on the other wives. However, she was beheaded soon after the emperor had found out and the cursed gem was hidden away in the mountains. Along the valleys, hundreds of herbs are present.

Famous poets like Li Bai and Du Fu chose to live in that very mountain for a reason. Not only is it one of the tallest peaks in China, some even say that the scenery is so magnificent that visiting other mountains is unnecessary. Moreover, the seasonal changes of colours are what captivates visitors. During spring and summer, everything is covered in green. In autumn, the green leaves gradually change into yellow, orange and red. Soon, winter strikes in and all are showered in snow and frost.

A line of houses in white with black rooftops can be seen aligned in the village. Villagers there are living at their own pace without the concern of the outside world. They are absorbed into the breath-taking mountain. It is believed that there is an ancient stone that protects and brings luck to the villagers. Which is why in return, offerings like flowers are given to the rock by them.

It truly is full of surprises, and magic awaits to be discovered. The sea of clouds surrounds the mountains, and the two appear as a set. The variety of pine trees in the Yellow Mountain, all with diverse shapes. With our imagination, the same pine tree could appear different to different people. But it is not easy to uncover those secrets.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

St Joseph's Primary School, Tong, Wai Kin – 7

Two thousand years ago, there was a powerful emperor in Beijing. His name was Shen. Shen was brave, filial and kind. Because of this, Shen was loved by his people.

One day, he saw a poor man when he was on his way to visit his father's tomb in Anhui. The poor man begged him and cried, "My son's life is in great danger. He has been kidnapped by the pirates. Please save him." Shen felt sorry for the poor man and so, decided to help him.

Shen led his army in the fastest ships he had. Soon, he and his army caught up with the pirates. Then, a vicious battle began. The battle lasted for eight days and seven nights. Finally, Shen and his army defeated all the pirates and rescued the poor man's son.

The poor man was eventually reunited with his son. He cried happily, "You saved my precious son! How can I ever repay you?" He knelt before the emperor and took a rock out of his pocket to give it to Shen. He smiled and said, "I don't have much to give. Take this rock and place it next to your father's tomb. Something magical will happen." Shen took the rock and did as he was told.

Shen had almost forgotten about the rock until one day, as he visited his father's tomb, he noticed a hill next to it. Day after day, the hill grew bigger. After fourteen days, it had grown into ENORMOUS mountains with peaks in the clouds. He suddenly remembered the poor man's words and that the rock had indeed been magical.

Shen wanted a name for the mountains. He thought hard then said, "My favourite colour is yellow, so I will call it Huangshan, or the Yellow Mountains." Then, he sent ten thousand men to the Huangshan to build stone steps and pavilions so his people could easily climb the mountains and enjoy the breathtaking scenery. After the stone steps were finally completed, millions of people came to Anhui to climb the Huangshan and appreciate its beauty. And the Huangshan is still here today.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

St Joseph's Primary School, Tong, Yau Kiu – 8

Huangshan is the most beautiful mountain in China. Do you know how it gets its name? Let me tell you a story about this.

Once upon a time, a brave man called the Yellow Emperor defeated all his enemies, and became China's first emperor. After he ruled his country for a very long time, he became very old, and he asked a lot of people how to live forever.

At last, two wise men came and told the Yellow Emperor to go to a very high mountain far from his palace, where he could find magical medicine to live forever. Yellow Emperor followed the two wise men to this magical mountain to look for the magical medicine.

After a long and exciting journey the three of them found the magical medicine. They took the medicine but strange thing happened: they became fairies of the mountain and lived there forever, protecting people who visited the high mountain.

People living around the mountain was thankful of these fairies and named the mountain Huangshan, which means "Yellow Mountain", to memorize the Yellow Emperor and the two wise men.

A Bird and a Guest—Greeting Pine

St Joseph's Primary School, Wang, Yu – 7

A bird flew over Huangshan Mountain. Layers of clouds, white waterfalls like silk thread, grotesque rocks, and all kinds of high and low trees swept past its eyes. It was intoxicated by the peculiar beauty of Huangshan Mountain. Among them, the most attractive one was the pine tree which grew from broken rocks with thick leaves. Its name was "Guest-Greeting Pine", over 800 years old now.

The bird hovered over the Guest-Greeting Pine. It found that people who came to Huangshan Mountain liked to take pictures beside the pine tree. The bird curiously said to the Guest-Greeting Pine, "There are so many pine trees on Huangshan Mountain. They have different shapes and characteristics. Why do people like you so much? Is it because you are more than 800 years old, or you are born on a stone and look beautiful? "

The Guest-Greeting Pine smiled and said to the bird, "I'm not the only one on Huangshan Mountain who is more than 800 years old, and there are many older pine trees than me. There are not a few pine trees with stronger vitality and more beautiful posture than me. "

The bird heard and became a little confused . It puzzled to ask: "so, why do people always linger on you?"

A gust of mountain wind blew by, the Guest-Greeting Pine moved his muscles and bones with the wind, and said to the birds kindly, "no matter in spring, summer, autumn and winter, or in the wind and rain, I always extend my arms and warmly welcome every guest from afar. No matter where they come from, regardless of honor or inferiority, I will treat them equally, bow to welcome them, and make them feel at home. "

The bird suddenly realized. It said excitedly, "Oh, I see. You are particularly popular because you are polite and hospitable. "

The Guest-Greeting Pine is just like all Chinese people, loving peace, being humble and hospitable. As the saying goes, "Is it a pleasure to have friends from afar?"

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

St Joseph's Primary School, Wong, Chak Ting Sheldon – 8

A long long time ago, in ancient China, there was a tiny village with a dozen wooden houses at the foot of Huangshan. The families who lived there collected and sold herbs to the shops in the nearby town. A young boy called Ming lived there with his parents and his sister, Lian.

Like most of the children there, Ming and Lian studied at the local temple, which was made of rocks and it was the best building in town. In summer, after each morning lessons like most children, they needed to help their family collect herbs. Their father taught them how to collect herbs since they could talk. They were also familiar with all the paths, and tracks on the mountain.

One morning after school, Ming and Lian were going to one of the highest peaks on the north side of Huangshan. It would take them almost half a day to get there. They believed they would find more herbs there since it was not often visited by other collectors. They arrived without too much trouble even though there were some slippery and narrow path. When they arrived, they found plenty of herbs and filled their bamboo baskets. Just when they were ready to make their way home, a thick blanket of floating clouds suddenly covered everything. It became dark, misty and foggy, summer became winter. They could barely see their finger, so going home was almost impossible. Luckily, they found a cave to take shelter, hoping the floating clouds would soon disappear. While they were trying to find a good spot to rest in the cave, they discovered an injured monkey, it had a few big splinters on its feet. Ming helped to carefully remove the splinters while Lian quickly made a herbal bandage using the herbs in her basket for the monkey.

By then, everyone and the monkey fell asleep from the cold and exhaustion. When Ming and Lian finally woke up, the clouds and the cold winds started to go away but by now it's almost the next morning. Ming and Lian's parents and some of their neighbours had been worried all night and started to search for them before sunrise. When the sun finally came out, the clouds disappeared. They finally arrived home with their herbs. They told everyone about their experience and promised not to visit those peaks again without adults. It was an unforgettable experience.

Puss, the Dragons and the Mean Witch of the Huangshan Mountains

St. Margaret's Co-Educational English Secondary & Primary School, Young, Teagan – 6

Once upon a time, in the Huangshan Mountains of China, there lived a cat named Puss. Puss was loving, friendly and could talk to any creature, in any language.

Deep in the back of a cave, carefully hidden, at the top of the highest of the Huangshan Mountains, lived Puss' best friends, the last family of dragons in the world, the Snaggleteooths.

The Snaggleteooth dragons were loving, caring and very scared.

The Snaggleteooths were scared because the fearsome Mean Witch of the Mountains wanted to force them from their home. The Mean Witch of the Mountains was magically forcing all dragons into the valleys below the Huangshan Mountains—where they had no food.

The Snaggleteooths ate fresh needles from the boughs of immortal pine trees which only grew on the peaks of the highest of the Huangshan Mountains. Without their immortal pines the Snaggleteooths would starve.

The Mean Witch of the Mountains was feared by all but known by none. No one even knew the Mean Witch's name.

The Mean Witch of the Mountains was notorious for her cruelty and her greed. She wanted the Huangshan Mountains for herself, especially the immortal pine trees. She was old and wanted to live forever.

The Mean Witch of the Mountains had been casting spells to relocate dragons into valleys—where the dragons starved. The Snaggleteooths, the last dragon family, were frightened and hiding in the back of their cave. Puss went to find the Mean Witch of the Mountains to talk to the witch and to save Puss' dragon friends.

No one had ever understood the witch's language and people were afraid of what they didn't understand.

The witch, however, thought that everyone else was mean to her because no one talked to her. She decided to be mean to the world and she had been mean for years.

Puss left the Snaggleteooths' cave to find the Mean Witch.

Puss leapt from pine to pine in search of the Mean Witch.

Puss leapt from peak to peak in search of the Mean Witch.

Puss finally found the Mean Witch hidden in a cloud, preparing spells and planning her final attack on the last dragon family.

Puss was the first creature to talk with the Mean Witch.

Finally, the Mean Witch of the Mountains spoke with someone, and was heard, because Puss knew all languages.

Puss learned that the Mean Witch's name was MengMeng ("Cutie") and that she had been so lonely for so long. Mengmeng and Puss talked. They became friends.

Mengmeng had not known that dragons could not live in the valleys. Mengmeng was horrified that dragons were starving.

Mengmeng let the Snaggleteooths stay in their cave at the top of the tallest Huangshan Mountain and let the other dragons return to their homes.

Mengmeng, the Snaggleteooths and Puss shared the pine needles of immortality, became friends and lived happily ever after.

The Story Behind the Five Wonders of the Yellow Mountains

St. Paul's Co-educational College Primary School, Lee, Ho Chit Dexter – 8

Do you know how the five famous wonders of the Yellow Mountains (黃山五絕 *huang²shan¹wu³jue²*) came to existence? It was an exhilarating story...

Deep in the Yellow Mountains, there was a Master who called himself Yellow Emperor. He had five apprentices, who were brothers. Yellow Emperor went to the Yellow Mountains when he was young to gather herbs to make medicine of immortality. Not only did he make the medicine, he also got Xuan Yuan, a sword made by immortals with copper from Shoushan Mountain. Xuan Yuan was a sword of divinity – the key to rule the world.

One day, Yellow Emperor said to his apprentices, “The most capable among you five will inherit the most powerful sword of all -- Xuan Yuan.”

All the apprentices wanted Xuan Yuan badly. Each of them had a superpower. Pine had a powerful axe which could chop down every kind of material. Rocky could turn as hard as a boulder whenever he wished. Hot Spring could control any water, which came in quite handy. Snow had a long lasso made with very hard ice. Cloud had the power to control all the clouds. He had an army of them. He could control the weather.

At the foot of the Yellow Mountains, there lived a powerful man who also wanted the sword so that he could rule the world. He was Chiyou, Yellow Emperor’s nemesis. He had magical powers and an army of giants and evil spirits.

One morning, he and his allies strode up the mountain and found the five brothers training with their powers. He hissed and declared, “Who dares challenge me? If I win, I will take Xuan Yuan.”

All five brothers wanted to prove themselves to Yellow Emperor. Spring took the challenge first. He turned the stream nearby into boiling water. When Chiyou turned the water into fog, Spring could not see in the fog and was defeated. Second was Rocky, who tried to punch Chiyou with his rocky hand but soon found himself flying backward all because of a swift kick from Chiyou.

Then up stepped Pine. Unfortunately, his axe was nearly destroyed by the giants - Chiyou’s powerful allies. Snow came running forward to Chiyou alongside his lasso with burning rage. Chiyou walked forward calmly and froze Pine and Snow with just a little flick of his cloak, which he had been wearing all the time.

Hot Spring and Cloud backed away nervously. They were scared. Cloud had an excellent plan. He summoned the rain clouds which brought heavy rain. The five brothers bought time to think of devious strategies to defeat Chiyou.

The heroes recovered slowly and went back to join Hot Spring and Cloud. They remembered Yellow Emperor’s words of wisdom, “Unity is strength”. They decided to protect the Yellow Mountains and Xuan Yuan together. They teamed up and fought the man more defiantly. The giants and evil spirits were petrified and fled for their lives. Realizing he was outnumbered, Chiyou escaped and never returned.

What about Xuan Yuan? Stroking his beard, Yellow Emperor told the five brothers, “Now that you teamed up to defeat Chiyou and his allies, all of you have become true leaders. Your unity and solidarity is a precious treasure more valuable than the sword. You don’t need it anymore.” Xuan Yuan was therefore passed to future generations to continue to defend the world against evil.

As for the five brothers, they decided to stay in the Yellow Mountains and help defend against evil. As exhilarating as the story goes, the five brothers became the five wonders of the Yellow Mountains - odd-shaped pines (奇松 *qi²song¹*), spectacular rocky peaks (怪石 *guai⁴shi²*), sea of clouds (雲海 *yun²hai³*), hot spring (溫泉 *wen¹quan²*) and winter snow (冬雪 *dong¹xue³*).

The Tale of the Wishing Stone

St. Paul's Co-educational College Primary School, Liu, Muk Wan Nina – 6

Once upon a time, there were two men, Ming and Chin, who wanted magical powers. Ming wanted the power to fly, and Chin wanted to have clairvoyance. They heard that there was a wishing stone in a cave on the Yellow Mountains. Early one morning, they began the journey going up the mountain to look for the cave. It was a long way up with many steep and bumpy roads. At last, they got near the top of the mountain. There were a lot of huge pine trees and bamboo trees, surrounded by clouds and mist. Ming and Chin felt like they were walking on the sea. They spotted a cave not too far ahead. They tiptoed into the cave and found a large rock shaped like meditating monk. “That must be the wishing stone,” Ming gasped. “Indeed,” Chin nodded. Slowly, they sat down in front of it and began to focus their minds. After a long while, they made a wish.

On their way down the mountain, they were happy with their new powers. “I can go anywhere at the speed of light!” Ming thought. “I can see everything that no one can!” Chin cheered. Suddenly, they saw an old man lying by a tree, but they did not think to stop. Chin heard a faint voice, “Wait!” He turned his head and saw a beetle next to the old man. “Are you two just going to walk away like that?” It was from the little beetle, looking anxiously at them. Using his superpower, Chin realized that the old man was having a heart attack. “He needs to go to the hospital quickly! But it is far down the mountain...” Chin frowned. “I can use my superpower to take everyone to the hospital!” Ming exclaimed. He held one of the old man’s hands, and then put his other hand on Chin’s shoulder. In a split second, they were all in the hospital.

The next morning, Ming and Chin went to the hospital to visit the old man. But he was gone. “Wait!” Chin again heard a faint voice. It was from the little beetle from before. The beetle was on the old man’s bed, and there was a letter. Chin opened the letter and began to read it.

“Thank you for saving me using your superpowers. But the greatest power you have is your loving kindness! I hope you will not stop helping others with your superpowers.”

“I think we should certainly do that!” Ming exclaimed. “Indeed!” Chin nodded.

Leaves and flowers turned to golden yellow by the Autumn Sun above the Yellow Mountains.

The Tale of Yellow Mountains' Spectacular Sea of Clouds

St. Paul's Co-educational College Primary School, Ngie, Lok Yung Hailey – 8

The Yellow Mountains are one of the most beautiful and loveliest mountains in China and are famous for their “Four Wonders” – beautifully-shaped pine trees, fantastic rock peaks, active hot springs, and the spectacular Sea of Clouds. If you climb up to the mountain peaks, you will find yourself above the level of the clouds and they appear as a sea beneath you. Rock peaks, large and small, hide and reappear in the limitless waves of clouds. Poets and writers created poems and stories about the Sea of Clouds and many artists have painted this natural beauty. But have you ever wondered how the Sea of Clouds was formed?

A long time ago, there were no clouds in the sky in the Yellow Mountains. There was only the searing, scorching sun, but nothing covered it up. As it was so hot, there was not much water on the mountains and many trees and plants could not grow. The animals were also burning up and suffering without much food and water. There was little life on the mountains and there were only rocks and bare land. There were also very few people to visit or hike in the mountains because it did not provide for beautiful scenery and it was dry and hot without any shelter.

The Yellow Mountains became lonely and sad, and they discussed how to bring life back into the mountains. They thought for a long time but had no solutions. Feeling helpless and depressed, they all burst out in tears which turned into lakes, streams, and waterfalls. These tears became warm air under the sweltering sun and as the air rose up, it began to cool down, turning into tiny water droplets to form clouds in the sky. At the same time, many of the mountains gave out a heavy sigh and the air from the sighs also rose up to the sky to form white, fluffy clouds. This is how the Sea of Clouds was formed! The clouds are not only beautiful, but they also protect plants and animals from the strong sunlight, and rain from the clouds provide water for all living things.

Soon the Yellow Mountains blossomed into life. The famous, oddly-shaped pine trees became dotted across the peaks, looking like a magical brush bringing colours to the mountains. Countless beautiful flowers, including Chinese primroses, irises, plum blossoms, and orchids also began to grow. All types of animals, including rare species such as white neck and long tail pheasants, perky macaques, nimble sika deer, secretive clouded leopards, and adorable leiothrix began to live in the mountains. And people started to hike there with a cheerful heart. The mountains are joyful again and full of life and energy.

Now, whenever the Yellow Mountains need clouds, they will cry and sigh. These are not tears of sadness, but of pure happiness and hope!

A Visit in Time to the Yellow Mountain

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Alto, Brandon – 7

“Good morning, class!” exclaimed Mr. Green, my history teacher.

“Today, we will take a trip to the past. I have with me a pair of virtual reality (VR) glasses and headset that will let us travel back in time to see people and places,” he added.

“Who would like to try first?”

“Me, me!” waving my hands like a crazy monkey!

“Okay, Brandon. Where do you want to go?”

“Mr. Green, I would like to see the Yellow mountain Huangshan and meet with the young emperor Huangdi.”

“Cool! Do you know which year that might be?”

“Let’s see. I learned from my research that Huangdi was born in 2704BC. So, a 25 years-old Huangdi would be in 2679BC. As we are now in 2021, that means we need to go back 4,700 years!” I calculated.

“Great, Brandon,” Mr. Green cheered as he typed in the date and place in the VR mobile app. “Ready?”

“Yes, please!” I begged as I put on the VR glasses and headset.

WHOOSHH.....

I was immediately surrounded by sights and sounds, traveling way back in time to 800 million years ago when Huangshan was under the ocean waters.

For a moment, I felt like I was inside a Netflix channel rewinding back to the start of a movie!

Then, Huangshan began rising above the ocean, only to sink again over a span of a few hundred million years. I saw strange plants and trees, and also dinosaurs and many other creatures roaming the place over hundreds of millions of years.

However starting 60 million years ago, the land gradually got pushed up by volcanic movements to form mountains. Over time, erosion, quakes and the melting glaciers gradually, and sometimes violently, carved Huangshan’s heavenly and magical features.

WHIRRRR!!!!

The VR paused in the year 2679BC, exactly 4,700 years ago! I am standing on a misty mountainside above a blanket of clouds surrounded by pine trees gently swaying in the wind.

As I admired my new surroundings, I saw a young man offering me tea from a bamboo cup.

“Hello, my name is Huangdi.”

“Hi, you mean emperor Huangdi?” I blurted.

“Yes, I am,” he replied gently, as he went back to gather more strange-looking herbs into his bamboo basket.

“What are you doing, your Highness?”

“I’m collecting herbs to make an elixir that could make me live forever!” Huangdi exclaimed.

“Why? How? Tell me please!” I asked.

Huangdi explained that it is natural for everyone to live, grow old, and to finally leave this world. But he heard about the mystical mountain with strange-looking plants and animals. It also held the secret to living forever which is why he has been in Huangshan for years!

As I listened to Huangdi's stories with my jaws wide-open, his voice suddenly changed and he shouted, "Time's up!"

It was Mr. Green, as he took off the VR from my head!

"Did you enjoy it?"

"Wow, that was so cool, Mr. Green. Thanks!" I replied happily.

The Mystery of Mist in Huangshan

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Au, Hanna – 6

Do you know why there are always mists around the mountains Huangshan? Do you believe the mists were actually placed by fairies as a hideout? There was a tale about this.

Three tiny fairies named Foodie, Sweetie and Talkie were living in the Great-Grandfather-Tree at the sharp peak of the tallest mountain in Huangshan. They lived far away from the houses and humans there. They enjoyed flying around Great-Grandfather-Tree, playing hide and seek and having fun for handstand in the sky.

One day, when the fairies were playing handstand near the cave, they bumped into someone.

Talkie screamed: "Oh no! It's a dragon fairy, run everyone!"

Sweetie laughed and said: "Silly Talkie! It's only a baby dragon, she won't hurt us. I think she wants to play with us."

The dragon fairy said: "I won't hurt you, I am sorry to frighten you. My name is Carela-the-baby-dragon. It looks a fun game you all are playing, may I join?"

Foodie replied: "Sure, we just want to find one more friend to play with us in the handstand competition."

The four fairies became friends and played together every day.

On a cloudy day, a group of human visitors arrived the peak mountain for sightseeing. The three tiny fairies were playing around as usual.

A girl saw them and shouted: "What are these? Are they a special kind of insect?"

Another girl said: "No, they are fairies, let's chase and bring them home!"

Talkie said: "Oh no, we are in trouble! We should hide, let's go everyone!"

Sweetie said: "Don't worry! I will turn all of us into our secret place and they won't be able to find us."

"Magic Wishy Washy!" Sweetie spelled and they all disappeared.

The girls said: "Oh, where are the fairies? There were just there a minute ago, we have lots of questions to ask them!"

The fairies turned into the cave – the one near the Great-Grandfather-Tree.

"Phew! We are safe now." Foodie said.

Carela-the-baby-dragon saw then rushed into the cave and asked: "What's wrong?"

Talkie told what happened and how dangerous they were.

Carela-the-baby-dragon said: "Don't worry, I can protect you all! I can make some smokes here so the humans could not see us!"

From that day on, there are lots of mists at the top area of Huangshan. No one ever sees the fairies again.

China's Magical Mountains

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Chan, Carson – 8

Once upon a time, in Huang Shan, at the tip of the mountain, there was an island called Big Head Island. All the clouds covered the bottom of the island. There was a kind of creature called Big Head. These creatures were huge, hairy, with four legs and a head. Their shape was scary, but they were kind. There was a Big Head called Larry, and he was very curious. He had never been under the clouds. In fact, no Big Heads had ever gone under the clouds.

Larry was very curious and brave so he decided to go on an adventure. After a few obstacles, he finally went through the clouds. He found a pink coloured living thing and he learnt that it was a human.

The human said, “Hi. I’m... uh...oh.... Ern. Do you live at the tip top of Huang Shan?”

Larry nodded.

Ern said, “So, Huang Shan is in eastern China and is one thousand, eight hundred and sixty four meters tall, right?”

Larry answered, “Yeah, yeah, that’s ri . . .”

But Larry didn't finish his sentence because he was interrupted by Ern, as he yelled out “Wait! How come you can speak our language?”

“Yes!” said Larry.

“Do you know Huang Shan is also called “Sea of Clouds”?” said Ern.

“Really? I didn't know that,” Larry replied.

“By the way, what's your name?” asked Ern.

“Larry.”

“OK, Larry, are you hungry?” Ern asked and gave him some barbecued pork and wonton.

The food was delicious. Ern was very happy and kept saying, “Do you know that Huang Shan was discovered one hundred million years ago?”

They kept chatting happily until they fell asleep. Larry woke up the next day, and was very happy. He decided to ask all his Big Head friends to come down to meet Ern. Ern was a very trustworthy friend. Soon, all the Big Heads became good friends with humans, and they lived together happily ever after.

Magical Huangshan

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Chan, Sophie – 8

Huangshan, a spectacular mountain range in China, is well known for its beautiful scenery and peculiarly shaped peaks. According to ancient legend, there once lived a kind dragon in a huge, dark cave in Huangshan.

The dragon built a comfortable nest near the cave for its egg. The egg would hatch soon. The dragon took great care to protect its egg. Unfortunately, one day, a horrible typhoon blew the egg away from the nest.

The next day, a boy named Ming went to the forest in Huangshan to look for some herbal medicine to cure his sick father. Suddenly, he saw something shiny and gigantic in the bushes. He took a closer look and found that it was a big egg. “This is the biggest egg I have ever seen!” He exclaimed, “What kind of egg is it?”

He carefully picked it up and found a nest near a huge cave. Then, he was shocked to see a dragon! Its appearance was very special. Its body was covered with rainbow pattern scales. It seemed worried and was looking for something important. Ming realized that the egg belonged to this dragon, so he returned it. The dragon was very grateful. Meanwhile, Ming spotted the herbal medicine that he needed so he picked some and went home.

Many years passed. Ming's father was getting even more sick, so Ming went to the forest in Huangshan again to look for herbal medicine. But the weather was terrible, and it was very dark and misty in the forest. Ming got lost. Day after day, he could not figure the way out and was more and more worried about his father's illness. Three months passed and he was still stuck in the mountains. He did not pay attention to where he was heading. Suddenly, he tripped over a rock and got hurt.

Then, he heard scary sounds coming from the bushes. He thought it was a tiger, so he trembled. But to his surprise it was a little dragon. It was very kind and gentle. It took Ming to its mother to treat his wound. Ming realized that it was the dragon he met many years ago because of its special appearance.

After Ming recovered, the mother dragon took him to a secret tunnel. The tunnel was spooky and there were many spider webs. Finally, they went to the exit of the tunnel. The dark tunnel was connected to a beautiful oasis. Ming immediately found the herbal medicine there. The benevolent dragon offered to take him home. Ming was grateful to the dragon.

When he returned home, he was extremely amazed to find that only one day had passed since he left home! “Three months in the mountains is equivalent to one day in my village?” Ming thought to himself. Ming immediately gave the medicine to his father.

After a month, Ming's father fully recovered. They lived happily together ever after!

The Extraordinary Rainbow-coloured Box

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Cheng, Kaydence – 7

Teresa Do-Do sees a rainbow-coloured box sitting on top of a very tall mountain. She doesn't know what is inside the box yet. It is something extraordinary.

As she walks up the mountain, she meets Lisa Da-Da. They have not seen each other for two months, so Teresa Do-do is very happy. She is also happy that Lisa Da-Da is going up the mountain with her because she is scared of the Dragon that lives in the cave. "Roar!!!" Teresa Do-do imagines.

But they see no Dragon. Instead, there is a rattlesnake on a staircase. The rattlesnake tells them not to be afraid, because it is a kind and friendly snake. Teresa Do-do is very scared. Lisa Da-da doesn't know what she wants, but tells Teresa Do-do that they should flip a coin. Teresa Do-do wins with a "head" on the coin. The two girls hold hands and make a huge jump. They land right on the peak of the mountain!

Leo Be-be is sitting in front of a campfire at the peak of the mountain. He tells Teresa Do-do and Lisa Da-da that he is camping there to wait for the Dragon. He says the Dragon is a friendly one. If three children believe it is not evil but kind, and shout "Dragon, our friend!", then it will open the mysterious rainbow-coloured box. Teresa Do-do is very scared. Leo Be-be is not afraid and wants to meet the Dragon. Lisa Da-da doesn't know what she wants, but says they should do "rock, paper, scissors". "Rock, paper, scissors, shoot!" Leo Be-be wins with a "rock", and so they shout "Dragon, our friend!"

"Roar!!!" The Dragon comes out of a cave, with a big smile. It tells the three children that it is very happy to meet its first friends. The Dragon says it will open the rainbow-coloured box, and if the three children promise, they will use the mysterious treasure inside in the kindest way. Teresa Do-do, Lisa Da-da and Leo Be-be all nod.

The Dragon opens the rainbow-coloured box. Inside the box, there is a pink sparkly potion. The Dragon tells them what the potion is for. It can make Santa Claus give out presents again during Chinese New Year, or it can cure diseases. All of them have gifts they really want from Santa Claus. But they are also really excited to go out and play - without masks! So this time, they all agree. They will use the potion to help people with Covid-19!

They all ride on the Dragon to fly around the world with the potion. Everywhere they go, people with Covid-19 are not sick anymore.

Teresa Do-do, Lisa Da-da and Leo Be-be are very happy. No more masks, and playgrounds are open, and everyone goes back to school!

Calvin Dragmonfrog's Adventure

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Cheuk, Aaryn – 7

In the Yellow Mountains high high above, there lived a boy named Calvin Dragmonfrog. He has a head of a dragon, a body of a boy, arms of a monkey and legs of a frog. He likes to play basketball and build Gundam models. He does not like worms or insects. What he loves the most is Chinese martial arts.

Calvin lives in a magical village at the top of the Yellow Mountains called Leighton Hill. Leighton Hill is an amazing village. It is where the best martial artists in the universe go to train for Chinese martial arts. Calvin goes to the very best martial arts school there called the Kung Fu Academy for Young Aliens and Humans.

Today is a special day. The Academy invited Kung Fu Panda to talk about Chinese martial arts to Calvin and his schoolmates.

Kung Fu Panda arrives in a rocket at the Academy after teaching aliens martial arts on the planet of Tatooine. Students of the Academy were excited to listen to Kung Fu Panda's talk and to do training. In a Kung Fu tournament after the training, Calvin's team won. He was very happy.

After the tournament, it was time for Kung Fu Panda to go back to Tatooine to continue training the aliens. Oh no! When he was about to leave, a meteorite suddenly crashed into his rocket and the rocket lost its fuel tank. Now, the rocket cannot fly.

Calvin says, "I can help." Calvin carries Kung Fu Panda on his back, jumps off a trampoline on the mountains with his strong frog legs and stretches out his secret weapon - his dragon wings. As Calvin and Kung Fu Panda fly into space, they have trouble breathing and Calvin becomes weak. Luckily, a Gundam in space flies by and sees them. Gundam flies as fast as he could and catches them as they are falling. Then, Gundam uses his rocket power to fly them both back to the Yellow Mountains. Calvin feels happy that they are saved by Gundam. But, he also feels guilty because he put Kung Fu Panda in danger. Calvin's mommy and daddy came to pick Calvin up from school that afternoon. Calvin was very sorry and he said to his parents, "Sorry mommy! Sorry daddy! I won't do that again. I just wanted to help Kung Fu Panda." Calvin's parents were relieved that Calvin was ok. They did not get angry and they gave Calvin a big hug.

Merry Popsicle Shop

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Fok, Elie – 8

Once upon a time, there was a Magical Mountain and it was called Yellow Mountain (People also called it Mount Huangshan). On the summit, there was a popsicle shop which was owned by a man called Mr Wong, and the name of his shop was 'Merry Popsicle Shop'. This was the most famous snack shop of Mount Huangshan. He lived on this mountain for over 50 years. Then one nice winter evening, there was a group of teenagers buying their ice pops in the shop happily.

Lily was eating her blue bubblegum ice lolly at the front of Mr Wong's shop. She needed the magical power on getting more confidence from this wizard snack before the race between Madison and Daniel. Lily and her friends liked to visit Mr Wong's shop for magic lollies when they faced any problem. Tom was reading the list of lollies. 'Red Apple for courage, Orange Orange for cheerfulness, Yellow Mango for smart, Green Grape for intelligent why can't I see the lolly of Dark Brown Coca Cola for happiness? ...Mr Wong, do you have the happiness flavor?' Tom wanted it because he was annoyed by his mother.

The clock showed it was 8pm of SUPER 24. The people who lived in this magical mountain had an extra 24 hours per day. In this SUPER 24 hours, they enjoyed all mysterious moments with their friends. Daniel could eat his blue apple on a floating sea of clouds. Madison could fly over hundreds of sharp peaks. The shape of the mountain peaks was like the claws of monsters. Mr Wong got the water from Jiulong Waterfall for his merry popsicles. The tourists enjoyed the hot spring while savoring their ice lollies.

Lily, Madison, Daniel and Tom were very happy to meet more friends on this mountain. Dawson Max was an exception, he was a bad guy. He thought that the people and tourists were not good. They threw rubbish on the stone steep steps, which was the only route up the mountain. The people also liked to chat loudly during their trips there, and the poets and artists could hardly concentrate on their works. It also disturbed the animals during their sleep. Dawson Max used his magic power to make the weather super cold so that people stopped visiting Magical Mountain.

Dawson Max was making the dangerous weather again. No animal could walk around now and they could only hibernate immediately. However, most of them might not have enough food to survive under the extremely harsh weather. The friends decided to get together and fight against the bad guy. When they got together with their magical weapons, they created the Power of Friendship and the 'Friendship punch' knocked down Dawson Max and he was gone forever.

Mountain Boy

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Hou, Lawrence – 9

Once upon a time, there was a little boy named Tim who liked little challenges. He once heard someone say that if anyone climbed to the top of Mount Huangshan, in Huangshan City, China, he or she might get a surprise! So he decided to set on a journey to climb mount Huangshan.

For the journey, he packed a rope, two hamburgers, two sandwiches, a flashlight and some new clothes. He arrived at Huangshan and started climbing. The first thing he saw were two yellow temples. Then he felt something moving under his feet. He looked down and saw the ground opening up. He felt very frightened, but managed to think of an idea just in time. He tied his long rope onto a tree branch above him! After a minute, the ground closed and he jumped down. "That was close!" he thought. He kept on walking for five hours and decided to have a rest and eat something.

After eating the two hamburgers, he met a pair of poets, Li Bai and Du Fu who were so hungry that they were about to faint. He gave the poets his two sandwiches. The poets were so happy that they gave him a special Chinese poem "chuang qian ming yue guang, yi shi di shang Shuang", and told him: "Say this poem when you are in danger. You have been very kind to us so we know you will get the special prize. Good luck!" Then the poets disappeared.

Tim kept on walking and soon, he was about to reach the peak! He felt very excited and happy. It was getting dark, so he got out his flashlight and noticed that it was a dead end because there was a tall wall blocking the way. He felt like giving up. Suddenly, he saw a Guest-Greeting Pine, which started talking to him: "You cannot go over the wall unless you take a Jacuzzi (hot spring) bath first!"

Tim felt very surprised! "Where is the Jacuzzi?" asked Tim.

"I will tell you if you solve this riddle." Suddenly, Tim remembered the poem that the poets had given him so he said the poem. "Correct! The Jacuzzi is right behind you!" Pine said. Tim turned around amazed! He jumped into the Jacuzzi and jumped out immediately because it was super cold, but he bravely jumped in again. After a while, he got out of the Jacuzzi and put on the new clothes that he had brought. The Guest-Greeting Pine said: "Here, try going through the wall now!"

Suddenly, the wall disappeared and Tim walked through and found himself inside a gloomy cave where he finally saw the special prize! It was a picture of him hiking and it had a tag that said "Mountain Boy". Tim really liked it and he said: "Hooray!"

A Night Adventure in the Yellow Mountains

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Hui, Yuet – 8

When the new moon lifts from the gnarled pine trees of the Yellow Mountains and silently creeps up to the sky, a flock of owls fly around me with their outstretched wings. This is the time for the hungry owls to hunt for food. Down to a valley it glides toward its prey. An unaware squirrel is unfortunately grabbed by the owl's sharp claws and becomes the predator's meal for the night.

There is a stream not far away. By the stream, a family of stump-tailed macaques sleep restfully. Only one of them turns its body over and starts snoring. I walk gently and try not to wake them up. This is a perfect ecosystem where the animals can enjoy their free lives without restrictions and disruptions. I am so excited to explore such an amazing and tranquil natural environment alone, especially such mysterious mountains I looked forward to visiting.

As I climb up and up the steps, I can hear some people chatting and chanting in the bower under the moonlight. A drunken man raises his glass of wine and chants, "I asked Yu He to dwell in Bishan, laughing and not answering The peach blossoms and the flowing water are gone, there is no world....." Some of his friends concentrate on the pitch pot game and some enjoy their snacks and drinks. I can spot several used papers scattering on the round stone stool and one has a name "Li Bai" signed on it. This is a place of tremendous natural beauty that inspires thousands of art and literary creations.

I go further up to one of the peaks, a group of people sit together and meditate under a giant pine tree -- it is a 400-year-old strong pine tree called "Unity Pine". It has fifty-six branches symbolizing a national unity of fifty-six ethnics in China. Taoists believe that a man could become an immortal through cultivating vital energy. According to the legendary stories, Emperor Xuanyuan Huangdi once practiced alchemy and became immortal here. That is the reason the Yellow Mountains are also named "Huangshan".

After hours of exploration, it is nearly dawn. The Yellow Mountains are the homeplace of legendary dragons. I eventually catch a ride with a dragon, and we fly high in the sky. When the sun emerges from a vast sea of clouds, it reflects the true beauty of the Yellow Mountains. It is sometimes like a calm lake, sometimes like a sea with dark flows, sometimes as light as silk, and sometimes a growling tiger.

The nature awakes as the Sun rises. Birds chirp, frogs croak, owls go back to sleep and squirrels start to work and play. The Yellow Mountains are nature's artworks, where they are full of life and energy.

Brian's Adventure in the Yellow Mountains

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lai, Cheuk Hei Curtis – 8

Brian wandered around looking for a place to sit. The only playground in his village, in the Yellow Mountains, was a hidden gem among the trees. He wasn't there to play; he was there to read, surrounding himself with the beauty of the Yellow Mountains. Brian loved books more than anything. He even had a floor-to-ceiling bookshelf, which stored all of his favourite books in it. His favourites were adventure stories. At the playground, Brian read "Shackleton's Journey"—he was reading about how Endurance sank. Suddenly, a football bounced off the bench and landed on Brian's foot. When Brian looked up, he saw his friend, Fred. "Hi Brian, have you got the invitation to the highest peak of the Yellow Mountains?" said Fred. "Yes, it's in my pocket," said Brian. "We're going to go there by helicopter!" Fred added. When Brian took out the invitation, he gasped. He realized that the trip will be tomorrow. Brian immediately ran home, packed his small backpack, had dinner and slept early. He couldn't wait for the trip tomorrow.

The next morning, Brian and Fred went to school early and waited to board the gigantic helicopter in excitement. Amazingly, it could fit the whole class! Soon, they were in the air, looking down on their tiny village. Brian was reading about the Yellow Mountains formation history. They landed a few moments later. The class first hiked to the top of the Yellow Mountains and observed the breath-taking scenery. All the mountain peaks displayed their unique shapes that emerged from the white cloud sea. Their class teacher, Miss Zhang, shared some legendary stories representing the majestic peaks.

At around noon, the class came down for lunch. Suddenly, Brian noticed that Fred was missing! He told Miss Zhang and the two of them started searching for Fred. They found him in the woods. Fred was being encountered by a clouded leopard! Fred was trembling as the clouded leopard was getting closer to him. Luckily, Brian brought his lunch box with him. He opened it and threw a steak toward the fierce leopard. The hungry leopard gobbled it up and purred softly. They all watched in disbelief as the clouded leopard trotted away into the woods. Fred was safe. Miss Zhang asked Fred what happened. He once heard that there was a strange creature living in the Yellow Mountains, so he explored into the woods and unexpectedly, he ran into a clouded leopard. When they were walking back to meet the class, they saw a black muntjac along the way. They felt so thrilled that they encountered these rare animals.

In the late afternoon, the class watched the sunset over the cloud sea at the peaks of the Yellow Mountains. "I feel like I am at the top of the world," said Brian. "Me too," echoed Fred.

Lastly, the class got on the helicopter and flew home. Brian looked out from the helicopter window thinking about his trip. He would never forget his adventure and the magnificent scenery of the Yellow Mountains.

Lisa

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lai, Hailey – 8

Anna, Semma and Reina were classmates of BaySide Junior High School. They had known each other since primary school and had been friends for some years. They arranged to go hiking just before the end of the semester. Now Summer holiday finally came and they went to Huang Shan as planned.

The three girls stepped onto the flight to Hefei, the Capital of Anhui province. Once they arrived, they bought equipment from a local store, and they took four hours of road travel to Huang Shan. The place was beautiful like a morning paradise in an ancient Chinese painting. The paradise was full of green tall trees with many different species of birds flying.

As the girls walked up the mountain, the breeze made Anna and Semma felt comfortable especially during the hot summer as the temperature in Huang Shan was around 20 degrees. After one hour of walking, the girls felt tired and so took a rest in a temple with fruits and statues. This temple was built more than one thousand years ago, yet it still looked clean and neat. It was as if someone was maintaining the temple and tidying the place from time to time. When the three girls were resting, suddenly Semma noticed the curtain at the back of the temple was moving. She discovered a boy lying on the ground. Anna was a St. John Ambulance youth and had learned first aid. She rescued the boy. Fortunately, the boy woke up. His name was Kim, a local villager in Huang Shan. He told the girls that he had met a giant eagle called Lisa. He had run for a long time and had escaped from its attack by hiding inside this temple. He was exhausted and had gone to sleep.

They packed their items after Kim recovered his stamina. They decided to go to Kim's village to ask for help. Hours passed, they felt hungry so they sat down for a picnic. While they were eating, a large shadow from the sky fell over them. They found out that it was Lisa! Lisa dived towards them. Anna, Reina and Kim rowed aside and hid under the barks for cover. They realized Semma was left behind and was under attack. Then, Kim grabbed his stick and fought with the eagle. Anna and Reina joined the battle with their army knives. The kids barely matched Lisa's strength.

Anna thought there should be a reason that Lisa continued its nonstop attack and shared her idea with others. The little fighters quickly understood that there was something hard under their picnic mat. It was actually the surface of a very big egg!" Lisa is just trying to protect its baby, if we leave, Lisa won't attack us anymore." Anna said. Therefore, the kids ran away from the picnic as quickly as possible. Anna was correct, and Lisa no longer chased them. The giant bird sat down on the egg and it hatched.

They were glad that the angry eagle had left, and so they set off to Kim's village and told other villagers about the story.

The Veterinarian in Huang Shan

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lai, Kaye – 7

Tim was a university student. He loved taking beautiful pictures. He also liked to visit new places every year to take photos. This year he decided to visit Huang Shan because he heard that it was a very beautiful place. Marsi, Tim's classmate, was grown up in Huang Shan and knew the place very well. She also wished to go back there as she had not been there for 10 years. Marsi's cousin, Nessi, who was a vet, also joined the tour because she also liked to take photos.

They took an airplane to Nanjing and then rode a bus to Huang Shan. They stayed at a hotel for the night. They started the journey the next morning. Marsi introduced the place to Tim and Nessi. She was very happy to be back in her hometown. On the way, they met a villager called Lisi. Lisi had a dog called Chars. They joined together and walked all the way towards the mountain peak.

The group spent 4 hours to reach the peak. They took many photos of the beautiful clouds. When they were crossing the bridge, Chars fell into a hole of the bridge. The people rescued Chars and found out it was hurt. Luckily, Nessi was a vet and helped to stop Chars from bleeding.

Unfortunately, Chars could no longer walked by itself because its legs were broken. Lisi told the students that Chars was pregnant. Lisi and Tim needed to carry Chars carefully together. It took them the whole afternoon to go back to the village in the valley. Lisi was glad the students saved her dog. That night, Chars gave birth to 4 puppies. All of the puppies looked healthy. Lisi decided to celebrate and invited Tim, Marsi and Nessi to have dinner in her house to thank for their help. They had a big feast in the backyard. The students loved the local food very much. They talked about everything in Huang Shan and stayed in Lisi's house that night. The next day, they thanked Lisi and left the village. The journey to Huang Shan ended with happiness.

On a Quest for Speed

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lai, Kazy – 9

On a winter day, Slothy woke up to find himself on a beautiful snow-covered mountain foot next to a hot spring. When he saw the hot spring, he jumped into it right away to keep himself warm. There he saw a monkey nearby and asked him "Where are we now, monkey?" The monkey replied, "We are in the Huangshan Mountains Hot spring." It was then that Slothy realized something magical had happened to him.

Slothy was in a sanctuary in Costa Rica just yesterday. He was taken home by a sanctuary keeper the night before and they watched the movie "Kungfu Panda" together. In the movie, he saw Master Shifu training Kungfu Panda on Guang Ming Ding in the Huangshan Mountains of Anhui Province in China.

All his life, Slothy had been very slow, so he was extremely eager to be fast like these kungfu masters. He had prayed to God that night to let him learn from Master Shifu and that was how this whole thing got started.

Slothy figured out what had happened to him. God must have answered his prayer and teleported him to the hot spring in the Huangshan Mountains.

When spring came, Slothy began to climb the Mountains according to the direction the monkey had told him. As he was climbing the mountain, he saw huge pumpkins with people in them, moving up the mountains. Slothy observed them for five days and figured out that the big pumpkins led to a place called Yu Ping Lou which was in the direction of Guang Ming Ding, so Slothy decided to jump onto the top of one of the pumpkins. This decision saved himself one month of climbing time!

At Yu Ping Lou, he saw a sea of clouds. Slothy didn't know that it was just clouds and thought it was a real sea, so he said to himself, "Wow! What a lovely sea, I can just swim to Guang Ming Ding from here then. Hurray!!". Just when he was about to dive in, a squirrel shouted at him, "STOP! IT IS NOT A REAL SEA! IT IS JUST CLOUDS!"

Slothy was grateful that the squirrel had saved his life, so he thanked him.

Afterwards, he had to climb for one month. When Slothy reached Guang Ming Ding, he found Master Shifu's cave and knelt down there for seven days waiting for Master Shifu. On the seventh day when Master Shifu saw the Buddha's light appear behind Slothy, he agreed to teach him "Qing Gong", also known as jump levitation.

Slothy was trained for about two years before he could master "Qing Gong". He became the fastest sloth on earth and it took him only one month to visit all the magical mountains in China. He decided to stay in the Huangshan Mountains forever because he loved the food and the view there. He became famous and all of the other sloths loved and admired him.

Misty Mountain

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lai, Serena – 8

“Izzy! Come help wash the dishes!” a voice shouted. Izzy rushed to the kitchen. “I wish I could go on an adventure” thought Izzy as she let the water run wild while washing the dishes. Here in the town Sweet Slava, everything was boring. Once Izzy finished, she asked: “Can I go to bed now?” Her mother nodded.

Once in bed, she imagined having amazing adventures and an exciting life like Harry Potter. Suddenly, she began tumbling farther and farther down. She then found herself lying on top of a fabulous sight – a sign that read “Misty Mountains”.

“Hello? Is anyone here?” Izzy asked. “It’s useless!” she thought, “No one will hear me.” “Are you Izzy Watson?” said a voice. “Who are you?” Izzy said, startled. Izzy never meant to be rude, but she was very curious.

“To answer your question, I am the God of Misty Mountains.” He had long white beard and long robes like the ones worn in China. He was sitting on a flying leaf. Izzy laughed. But since she didn’t want to show it, she pretended to cough. However, the God was too smart. “This is what we wear here.” Izzy nodded. “Why am I here? I’m thirsty, can I drink some water?” asked Izzy.

“You are here because I used magic to send you here. You are in the Misty Mountains in China. Only I live here. I guard this place” he said. Then he muttered something under his breath. Poof! A glass of water appeared in front of Izzy. “Thanks!” she said, amazed. As Izzy was drinking, the God explained further. “Your mission is to find the Purified Stone.” “The what?” Izzy asked in disbelief. “The Purified Stone” said the God. “Over the years, people have been destroying the environment, and clean water like what you are drinking now will no longer be available. We need the Purified Stone to find clean water again.” “But how?” asked Izzy. With his soft mutter, an image appeared. Izzy cringed as she saw people drinking dirty, brownish water out of muddy puddles. Their bodies were dirty because there was no clean water to wash away the mud around them. Izzy felt heartbroken, and realized how she has also wasted water in her daily life. Fresh tears streamed down her face, which quickly turned into sparkling crystals. “What is this?” asked Izzy. “The Purified Stone!” exclaimed the God. “It has to come from the tears of people with a true heart and desire to change the environment!” He explained.

“I’m sorry that I never knew how much damage we have been doing to the environment, but I promise I will do my best to save the Earth when I go back! Now with the help of the Purified Stone, we can make the world a better place!” Izzy said with hope and confidence. The God nodded in agreement and thanked Izzy.

Izzy suddenly felt herself flying upwards. Poof! She was in her room again before she could even say goodbye. “Was that real or was I dreaming?” Izzy pondered. “It was real!” A voice whispered inside her head.

Battling with the dragons

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lai, Yu Lin Royce – 8

Once-upon-time, there was an Emperor who lived in a magnificent palace at the foot of the magical mountains called Huangshan. He was young and energetic. Every day he went hunting in the mountains for hours and never got tired.

The Emperor had a little primitive hut at the peak of the tallest mountain in Huangshan called Lotus Peak. The hut was made from the precious trees which had an aromatic smell found of the deepest forest of the mountain. Each time, he would stay and rest there.

There were two young dragons who lived in the cave near to the Emperor's precious hut. They used to live with their parents in the heaven. One day, they played at the beautiful Cloud Sea. When they flew, the clouds tumbled and turned into different shapes. The young dragons were too excited and forgot to return back with their parents. They found the cave and stay there together ever since. Every day, they played hide and seek with the playful monkeys. When they got tired, they would wrap around the mountains like a pair of stairs. The villagers would then climb up and down the mountains on the young dragon's back without any beasts attacking them. They were very delighted and wanted to have these two young dragons to stay with them forever.

One stormy night, it rained fiercely and the only way back to the palace was blocked by the flood. The young Emperor and his guards were stuck at the hut. They started to talk about a plan to build a new palace in the mountain with all the colorful Lego blocks. The young dragons overheard the Emperor's master plan and were worried that it would damage the beauty and tranquility of the environment.

Suddenly, the young dragons got very angry, they stomped their feet on the floor and roared loudly. It shook the mountain, the trees, the rocks, the river and even the hut where the Emperor was.

The Emperor was so scared that he ordered his guards to find out what had happened. They carried their knives and shields and ran out of the gates immediately. They saw two gigantic dragons standing in front of them with huge claws on each foot and a pair of large golden horns on their heads. The guard was so scared that they ran away into the woods and left the Emperor alone.

The young Emperor jumped up and caught the dragons' golden horns, he kicked its eye. The dragon fell down in pain and roared loudly. He got up and flew straight to the heaven like a rocket. After that the dragon made a storm and the Emperor almost fainted. When he and his guards ran down the hill to the palace, the Emperor was stroked by the lightening. Suddenly, I woke up with a Lego dragon in my hands and finally know that it was just a dream.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lam, Ethan – 8

Hello! My name is Jia Jia and I am almost two years old. I am easily recognised by the large, distinctive black patches around my eyes, over my ears and across my round chubby body. Can you guess what I am? Yes, I am the most adorable panda in the world!

I used to live in the lowlands of the mountain ranges of the Shaanxi Province in China. However, in the last two years, due to extensive forest clearing, we were forced to the higher grounds of the misty mountains.

At a height of about 5,500 feet above the sea level, I live in a bamboo forest with my family and relatives. The forest around us is covered with thick fog and dense mist throughout the year. It is gloomy and dark during daytime, which makes it fun to play games of hide-and-seek with my cousins in the woodlands. In the afternoon, my mother often teaches me which food is edible and nutritious. I love the berries and the figs the most. My mother loves me very much and pampers me all the time. I never have to worry about finding enough food as bamboo shoots are plentiful around us. I love to crush the thick bamboo stalks and chew the juicy flesh inside. Occasionally, I sneak out with my cousins in the middle of the night to have a delicious meal of rodents and other creepy crawlies we can find.

One dark and stormy night, my cousin Fan Fan and I decided to have a sense of adventure in the misty mountains. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw a playful squirrel darting in and out of a hollow tree. Fan Fan and I decided to pounce on it. Quick and agile, the squirrel ran up the pine tree at lightning speed, leaving both Fan Fan and me with sore heads when we bumped into the tree trunk.

When we came round, a frightening, howling sound sent shivers down our spines. Our hearts thumped wildly when we realised we were surrounded by a pack of wolves.

“We are going to be their prey!” cried Fan Fan. As quick as a whip, we scaled up a tall pine tree, away from the wolves. The wolves were howling ferociously at us from below, so we decided to stay up there until dawn. We would not come down to become their dinner. Exhausted, we drifted off to sleep.

The next morning we were woken up by the chirping of the birds and insects. We were relieved that the wolves were gone. We quickly descended to the ground safely. The bright lights from the morning sun enabled us to find our way back home safely. We learned our lesson and promised that we would never explore the world on our own again. It was too dangerous out there and we were fortunate to be still alive after our terrifying encounter with the big bad wolves.

Little Stone on the Yellow Mountain

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Li, Leon – 6

The air was scented with the smell of unknown wildflowers after rain on the Yellow Mountain. Everything looked so peaceful until a small stone moved suddenly.

Don't doubt your eyes! That stone was unusual – he absorbed the essence from nature, and then had self-awareness. He could feel grass swinging softly, trees growing lushly, clear river flowing by, and butterflies flying and playing on the Yellow Mountain.

From then on, the favourite thing that Little Stone liked to do every day was lie outside a temple on the Yellow Mountain and watch teenagers learn Kung Fu there.

One day, a monk saw Little Stone while sweeping the floor. He noticed the stone was different from others and brought Little Stone back to the temple and read ancient Buddhist scriptures to him every day.

Slowly, Little Stone could stretch its body, moved slowly, and even started walking. Although his action was awkward, it was much better than just staying on the ground.

The lucky stone was so grateful that he worshiped the monk as teacher. Just like other teenagers in the temple, he worked hard to learn Kung Fu and discipline.

Time seemed to fly. One day, the Mountain was covered in the darkness. Flowers and trees on the Yellow Mountain withered overnight, and birds and butterflies were no longer visible.

A dragon sprayed fire and fell from the sky. It wanted to swallow every creature on the Yellow Mountain.

People in the temple fought against the dragon.

In the army, Little Stone proved to be a brave soldier. He saved many lives from the dragon fire and beat the dragon by his iron fists. But the dragon was too powerful to conquer.

With more and more companions were injured, Little Stone decided to suppress the dragon under the Mountain, even though he might die with the evil one.

When the dragon was trapped, Little Stone used all his strength to push it into the river. Without any hesitation, He then turned into a boulder to hold the dragon down.

It worked! The dragon couldn't move any longer! It was such a big victory that millions of lives were saved and the Mountain regained its vitality.

But where is Little Stone? You may ask. No worries. He is right there, on the Yellow Mountain.

If you visit the Yellow Mountain in Anhui Province, you may find a huge human-shaped stone near the river. If you do Kung Fu in front of it, the stone may move stealthily. That is definitely our hero— Little Stone of the Yellow Mountain. Maybe we should call him Big Stone now.

The Magical Mountain Climb

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Li, Marcus – 7

Do you know why the monkey king Sun Wukong became a powerful monkey? Do you know why his future companion Pigsy became as fat as he was? And do you know why turtles can live so long? All these stories happened in the magical mountains of Huangshan.

Soon after Sun Wukong was born, he passed by Huangshan and saw it was incredibly beautiful so he went there to play. There he met a little green turtle and asked if it would like to join him on an adventure up the mountains. The turtle nodded his head slowly and said "Sure, I would love to!"

The two of them went up the mountain, there were a lot of strange looking pine trees. Some were tall, some were crooked and some even grew out from the rocks, just like Wukong. The adventurers climbed trees and Wukong picked up a little turtle to swing around the trees.

As they continued, they passed by an area with purple clouds and some hot springs. "This looks like a good place to take a bath." Wukong exclaimed. He jumped into the warm water and created a big splash. "Hey, watch where you are jumping!" Someone shouted. The startled monkey and turtle saw a shadow in the steam, it turned out to be a little pig taking a bath there. "Hi, I am Pigsy and I am relaxing in this hot spring full of minerals that are good for your skin and body" Said the pig. Together the three of them enjoyed a good bath. Pigsy decided to join them up the mountains.

Next the group passed by a sea of clouds as they neared the top, the clouds were fluffy and Wukong decided to take a small cloud puff for himself. After passing through the clouds, they reached one of the tallest peaks and discovered a secret stairway leading up to the Jade Palace. They found a lot of juicy peaches and ate them. Suddenly they heard fairies approaching so they decided to go back down. As they descended the stairs again, Pigsy kept eating and dropped the seeds all around the mountain. He ate so much that he grew a big tummy and could hardly move.

Wukong had eaten an especially big peach which gave him a lot of magical powers. Little turtle ate a very ripe peach which allowed him to live very long and eventually turtles grew to live a long time.

As for the peach seeds, they spread their magic around Huangshan which protected the mountain. It later attracted many monks who built beautiful monasteries and many people visited to see the beautiful sites.

The Magic of the Mountains

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Lin, Annie – 9

Once upon a time, there was a village hidden deep in the mountains of Huang Shan. In the village, there was a girl named Lucy who had the power to talk to animals. Lucy was a normal girl when she was born, but when she was 5 her powers were starting to show, and at the age of 7 her powers were still growing, finally at the age of 13 her powers stopped growing. Lucy was very sad that her powers stop growing but there are still very strong, she can now understand animals, talk to them, and love and care for them.

One day, the village headman saw Lucy talk (or you can also say bark) at the dogs he owned, and he later realized that she was talking to them, he was shocked! He secretly called everyone that's living in the village to come and see, when everyone came over, they all said she was an animal girl. Lucy was hurt because in one day it was going to be her first day of junior high. Time flies, and today was her first day of school, she was very nervous, when she arrived nobody talk or even looked at her except a girl named Aphmau. A few days later, they became best friends.

One Sunday afternoon, Aphmau had something to tell Lucy so they went to her underground secret base, and Aphmau told her that she was an icedragon and showed her too. Lucy was shocked but did not tell anyone since her best friend told her not to.

A few days later, Aphmau gave her some wings so that she can fly, but the wings disappear when people are around. When they were adults, they were off to find half human half dragon boys so they can continue their special kind of species. On the way, they met Li Bai and Du Fu and the poets told them about the amazing view, but they kept searching for partners.

At last, they finally found partners called Aaron (The dragon prince) and Pierce. Aphmau married Aaron and became the queen and had new powers, while Lucy married Pierce. They lived happily ever after.

A Rarely Known Story about Huangshan

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Luk, Kacelyn Marie – 8

A Rarely Known Story About Huangshan

I'm Fei-Loong, a fierce flying dragon who has lived in Huangshan for 20,000 years. I've a rarely known story about Huangshan. I love this enchanting home because there is magnificent white snow and I can bathe in my secret hot springs in the winter. My home sits quietly and peacefully at the top of the highest mountain, so I can fly in the sea of clouds and enjoy the wonderful sunset in the summer.

One day in spring, I saw two little men climbing up the highest mountain of Huangshan towards my home. I didn't want to scare them away so I just spied them for days. I found out that they are boring, unexciting people. All they did every day was sit down in the forest to write poems, paint, and drink wine. After observing them for days, I couldn't stand it and walked out in front of them to introduce myself, "I'M FEI-LOONG, YOUR DRAGON NEIGHBOUR. WHO ARE YOU BORING PEOPLE?! HUH?!" The two little men were shocked, and said with their shivering voices, "We're L-L-L-Li Bai and D-D-D-Du Fu, we're poets." Interestingly, they are the first poets I've ever met in life, no wonder their activities are so gentle and sedentary.

After knowing they're poets and painters, I asked them to teach me how to write poems and to paint, so I can train my patience and paint good drawings of my home. In return, I brought them to my secret hot springs, and let them sit on my back for a flight through the gorgeous clouds of Huangshan. Three of us became good friends after our great times together from spring to fall. But things started to change as the winter came.

Climate started to change badly, it became very windy and kept snowing day and night. It was so cold that my breath vaporized, and my fingers and toes numbed. Most animals and plants didn't survive this freezing cold environment. My two new friends and I were starving because we were running out of food.

Being Huangshan's guardian, I had to survive this exceptionally nasty winter. Seeing Li Bai and Du Fu dying of hunger, I started to struggle too – shall I eat my friends? I was saddened to make a miserable decision to eat my friends, so I could continue to guard Huangshan. Even if I had no one to teach me how to write poems and to paint, I still had a duty to my beloved Huangshan.

I hope you enjoyed this rarely known story of Huangshan. I'm very regretful that my two friends sacrificed their lives for my honorable duty to protect and guard Huangshan. What I learned here is that I need to make very tough decisions in rough times in order to fulfill my commitment.

In memory of Li Bai and Du Fu, I will make their poems and paintings known to everyone, after they sacrificed their valuable lives for the safety and peace of Huangshan.

China's Magical Mountains

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Ng, Rhianna – 7

Mount Huangshan is a super awesome mountain. The mountain is enormous and super tall, the highest point of the mountain is more than one thousand and eight hundred metres. It is in the eastern side of China and it was there more than one thousand years ago. There are millions of people who visit Huangshan each year, not just the people from China but also visitors from all over the world like Australians, Americans, Asians and people from Europe.

The reason why so many people visit Huangshan is because of its scenery, winter snow view, sunrise and sunset view and amazing views of the clouds from above. Some visitors go hiking very early in the morning to catch the sunrise view. They need to arrive before six o'clock. How early!

The most famous three mountains are Lotus Peak, Bright Top and Celestial Capital Peak. The tallest peak is Lotus Peak and is one thousand and eight hundred sixty four metres. People have to catch the incredible cable cars to those mountains. I think Huangshan Mountain is super cool and I love to go there someday with my family and friends and even get a chance to sleep in the wonderful hotel!

The Monster

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Pan, Hayden – 8

Once upon a time, far away in the Far East Asia there was a city called Huang Shan. The Mount Huang Shan, which was formed around 100 million years ago, was also known as the Yellow Mountain or YiShan because it was renamed after the legendary Yellow Emperor. The Yellow Mountain rises about 1,864 kilometres above sea level, it's so high that some of its oddly shaped peaks are surrounded by a sea of clouds. Deep in the mountain valley, there was a huge hidden village in Huang Shan. In the village, there were villagers, and some heros. The heroes were, a knight, a wizard, the king of the village and a monster that was good. The monster was made out of lava, and shaped like a volcano that streams kept coming out from his mouth.

One day, the monster disobeyed the rules of the village and was exiled by the King. He swore to destroy the village in the mountains. What was the bad part about his plan? Two things. One, the village was hidden. Two, he forgot about the heros. So, he summoned lava monsters from the old earth in Huang Shan, and sent them to destroy the village. Meanwhile, the wizard knew about the attack, and told everyone to get their weapons. All in a sudden, a powerful fireball shot past the king! The king dashed back to the castle with a flaming golden robe. The fearless knight charged at the monster and cut off his leg! But, the monster just mysteriously grew it back. Then, The wizard realised that the monster were powered with the monster's anger. So they travelled to his evil base, which was surprisingly located in the enormous grave of the legendary Yellow Emperor. The monster boomed: "what are you doing here?". The wizard didn't reply and casted a powerful spell to make evil good. The first time he missed. "Boom!" The second time too. "Blam!" The third time the wizard finally got him! "Zap!" Then the monster turned good and the summoned lava monsters disappeared.

The Kidnapping Ghosts in Huangshan

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Pang, Hei Man Rayna – 8

It all began at Louise's 10th birthday at her parents' house in Shanghai. Louise's parents gave her a box of makeup. Her sister Olivia gave her a wonderful hair clip set. Finally, her Chinese cousin Arthur gave Louise a brown and white bookmark that he bought from the Huangshan country park souvenir shop. Everyone was tired after the party so they went back home as soon as possible. The next morning when Louise's mum went to Louise's room to wake her up for ballet class, she had disappeared!

The family immediately phoned the police and but the police didn't have any clue about what happened. News of a missing girl spread like wildfire around the world. Luckily, the Huangshan security team saw that around midnight the night before, something mysterious was carrying a young girl. Could it have been Louise? Louise's dad organized a little team to rescue Louise. The members were Louise's adventurous sister Olivia, her cousin Arthur, Louise's dad and also two members of the police force.

All five people headed to Huangshan country park in a train. Olivia thought the country park would be beautiful with lovely flowers dotting the green mountains, but it turned out to be the opposite. There were mountains made out of red, hot fire, black death clouds, evil ghost soldiers...too many things to name! Anyway, the team decided to be brave and strong.

The main challenge was that the mountains were made out of fire. They needed to freeze it. Fortunately, they had an ice gun so Arthur threw it at the mountain. The mountain froze immediately. They climbed as fast as a hungry lion eating to rescue Louise.

At the top of the mountain, Olivia was the first person to find Louise. She was in a fancy house surrounded with snakes. They had to get past booby traps and vines to rescue Louise. Courageous Arthur volunteered to rescue her. He succeeded to rescue Louise.

Olivia remembered from her studies the bookmark was haunted and whoever touches it gets taken to Huangshan. Louise touched it on her birthday so she was brought to Huangshan. In the end, Olivia found the bookmark in Louise's pocket. Louise returned the bookmark to the ghost and returned home. They lived happily ever after.

The Yellow Mountain of Death

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Pang, Pok Man Jayden – 7

One day when I woke up, I saw a car, not just an original car. It was a bug car!

“Hop on Chase!” said Dad. I ran down the stairs, and then the door of the bug car opened. “We are going to explore the beautiful Yellow Mountain!” said Dad.

On the way, thousands of Venus flytraps wanted to eat our bug car. It was very scary. I pointed to the top of the Yellow Mountain and said excitedly, “Keep going Dad! Look! A fantastic hotel is up there!”

My Dad is always lazy, but he knew we were being chased by the Venus flytraps. So, he decided to drive much faster for once in his whole life, just like a rocket.

When we arrived to the hotel, we were welcomed by a nice boy. “Hello! my name is Jeff, Prince of the Yellow Mountain.” We felt safe. Jeff said, “I will bring you to an excellent room.” We then felt confused. “Sorry, we came here because we are being chased by the Venus flytraps down the Mountain. We did not book any rooms in the hotel.” I explained. “Never mind, you may take a rest in your room for a while.” said Jeff politely.

My Dad and I then followed Jeff to our room. “This is your room. Have a great time!” said Jeff nicely. When we opened the door, we couldn’t believe our eyes. Poisonous snakes, ghost soldiers and shooting fire guns were flushed out. We immediately turned back and screamed “Help us, Jeff! Help!”

We saw a person and thought it was Jeff, but it was not. It was the King! The whole hotel immediately turned into a terrifying place.

“This is the Yellow Mountain of DEATH! I will kill you two!” shouted the King. We ran as fast as we could, but the King’s angry robots were too fast and started to attack us. “Let’s go back to the car and return home!” I told dad. “But the Venus flytrap will eat our car!” said Dad.

Suddenly, when the King threw the fireballs to us, he dropped the robot remote control. I immediately picked up the remote control and controlled the robots as fast as I could. The robots attacked the King instead of us. The King was killed and the Yellow Mountain changed back to a quiet and sunny mountain.

I took all the robots home and will share them with my marvellous friends!

The Yellow Mountain

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Qiu, Lily – 8

Long time ago, there was a man called Guang Li who lived inside the Yellow Mountain. Li's job was to monitor, look after and protect the pine trees, considered the most special and magical plants in the mountain.

During day, he checked the trees often and made sure that there were no insects. At night, he would worry about any damage the cold weather might cause. He worked extremely hard, got little sleep, and he couldn't be with his family. Luckily, Li had a little companion, a monkey. Li had named it Guoguo.

One stormy winter morning, when Li looked out of his window, he saw snow swirling outside. He put on his coat and headed outside. The snow was so thick that he could barely see anything. He wandered around anxiously looking for the path. Suddenly, he saw a gigantic white figure before him. It had sharp teeth, thick white fur, long curved ears, a short bushy tail, and two big claws. Li knew it was the snow monster, which only came out once a year. Li also heard that if the monster's heart was touched, a Buddha's Halo would appear in the sky and the monster would be turned into any animal. Li decided to face it. The monster swiped his claws at him. Li dodged them. The monster tried to bite Li. Li ducked quickly. They continued this for a few rounds. Then Guoguo came and jumped on the monster which drew the monster's attention. Li suddenly then felt a force beneath him carrying him away. Without hesitation, he rode the force toward the monster and touched its heart swiftly. The monster turned into a squirrel and straightaway, a Buddha's halo appeared in the sky.

Just then, a pinecone dropped in front of the squirrel, the squirrel grabbed it and began to nibble on it. A fire spark flashed up as Li landed. He looked up and saw a beautiful phoenix encircling the tree. It looked at Li gently and said, "I am Xiaotu, your pet". Li looked confused and answered, "I don't know you". The phoenix replied, "You once had me when you were still a little boy. One day I fell down the cliff and the halo appeared in the sky. It turned me into a phoenix and asked me to guard you and the pine trees. I only show up when you or the pine trees are in danger. So, now that you know I will be watching you and the pine trees closely all the time, you should sleep well at night and spend time with your family as you deserve". Soon after the phoenix soared away.

That night, Li had the most sound sleep he could ever remember. He dreamt that he was a 4-year-old boy playing and running around with his little pet, Xiaotu, happily. The next morning, Li could not wait to go home to see his family and celebrate the coming holidays with them, Chinese New Year.

A Tale from China's Magical Mountains

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Sze, Owen, – 8

Once upon a time, there was a millionaire named Bill, who lived in a village in Huangshan. He was old and rich. He had a son called Richard. One day, he called his son to his bedside. He said weakly, “Richard, I have a secret that I want to tell you. Due to a horrid war long time ago, all the leaves, flowers living here are dead. Only the Hope Marble can heal all of them. Please help me to find it. There is a yellow cane ready for your exciting journey at the dungeon.”

“Yes, father,” promised Richard. Immediately, Richard dashed to the dungeon and started the mysterious journey.

Richard began to search for this unknown treasure. However, according to the legend, it said, “There is a terrible monster living in the sea of clouds of Huangshan. If someone defeats the monster, he will get the Hope Marble, then Huangshan will regain its peace once again.”

Richard arrived at the foot of the hill below the sea of clouds. The hill was so steep and tall that he could barely see the peak. He climbed up the rocks with the hope of his father’s wish. Finally, he reached the sea of clouds. He recalled his father’s words and pulled out his cane to jump. “Argh!” A bunch of clouds swirled past him and he fainted. “Thud!” Richard landed on a dreadful place where the terrible monster lived.

After a while, Richard woke up. Surprisingly, he found out that the cane could transform into a big yellow protection shield. There was a speaking cobra. It hissed, “I live in Huangshan too, but I’m captured by the monster. Would you mind if I join your adventure?” Richard agreed and they set off to find the Hope Marble. They avoided most of the traps, except for the last one. He fell into a pit unfortunately.

By the time he got up, the monster was waiting. The monster had strong muscles. It punched them. Luckily, they dodged him. The cobra lunged at the monster and sank its fangs in it. Meanwhile, Richard poked the monster’s chest with the cane until it passed out. The monster’s jaw dropped open wide. The Hope Marble shone in his mouth. A ray of sparkling rainbow shone through the mountain. Richard grabbed the Hope Marble. “Poof!” the cobra turned into a fairy. “I’m a fairy,” said the cobra. Richard tossed the Hope Marble in the air. All the flowers bloomed, trees grew and birds chirped. The fairy sent Richard home in a flash.

Ever since then, the hero of Huangshan was born. The Hope Marble became a protection of the mountain and everybody worshipped it because they believed that it could bring good health and fortune.

A Tale from China's Magical Mountains

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Tang, Hiu Kei Jennifer – 8

Once upon a time, there were two brothers. They heard two people whispering to each other on the street saying that there are dragons that live at the very top of the mountain and if you can found their magical eggs, whatever you wish for can be granted.

So on the following day, the two brothers got prepared and went up the mountain. On the way, they saw an old man who was trying to find a way to get back the rock, which was rolled to the edge of the cliff. As soon as the old man saw the brothers, he asked, 'Can one of you please help me to get it back? If you helped, I will give you one of my precious rock in return.'

The older brother said, "Let's go! Don't waste time, we better find the eggs before anyone else does." But the younger brother refused, "It will only take a short moment, you wait here." The older brother waited impatiently only for few minutes and the job was done. The younger brother refused to take a stone as a reward as he felt that the stone meant a lot to the old man. So they carried on their journeys.

Up the hill and steep slopes, this time they met an old woman. She was sitting down on a tree trunk because she got so tired of stacking rocks neatly into the stream. When she saw the two brothers, her eyes were brightened. "My dear, could you help me to lay this huge piece of rock on the river bank?" And of course the older brother said no instantly. "Let me try," the younger brother said. He used all his strength and moved the heavy rock steadily to the place the old woman wanted. She was so pleased and offered to give the younger brother a tiny piece of rock. He only accepted it because she insisted and his brother was furious and told him to take it so that they could carry on the journey.

They finally reached the top of the mountain but there weren't any dragons, only the old man and woman were there. The young brother told them they are here in search of the dragon eggs. The old man and woman looked at each other and said to the younger brother, "I am afraid we can only grant one wish. Your older brother was selfish and arrogant, and you were kind and helpful to others. So only you may have a wish." At last, the little brother made a wish that his brother can be a kind person too.

Spiritual Mountain

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Tang, Yuen Hei Shannon – 9

Bethany was eight years old. She was the youngest of ten children. She was a shy, unconfident girl because her siblings always bullied her. The only person who cared about Bethany, was her mom who was strong and supportive. Unfortunately, her mom died in a car accident when she was 18. Bethany felt shocked, hopeless, and lonely. Nothing was right and colorful in her eyes.

Bethany was always dreaming about her mom. One night, she dreamed of a soft voice that told her, “Don’t give up! Pursue your dream, darling!” Her mom was holding her hand while leading her down a tunnel to a beautiful place. The unforgettable dream inspired Bethany to move forward in her life.

In the morning Bethany searched online and found a picture in her dream. She was attracted to its environment like waterfalls and grasslands, especially the sea of clouds and sunrise. It was also one of the most famous mountains in China—Huangshan.

Thus, she decided to go on an adventure.

When she arrived at Huangshan, the incredible views were unbelievable. She saw massive pine trees scattered over peaks and cliffs and many artificial steps along the mountains. Bethany spent more than 5 hours climbing up to the tallest peak – Lotus Peak.

After the long expedition, Bethany felt exhausted. Luckily, she saw two tiny villages looming ahead through an expanse of clouds at the peak. She rested inside and saw an old, rusty poem hanging on the wall of her room. She learned that two famous poets named Li Bai and Du Fu had lived there.

The next morning, the bright sun shone down from the window and the floating sea of clouds made her feel like her mum was cuddling her. Bethany went out on a walk and found nine kinds of fruit hanging from a tree. She picked a fresh apple, but when Bethany went to have her first bite, it suddenly came alive! Bethany was speechless.

The apple introduced itself. “My name is Love and I have eight brothers. They are Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control.”

“My name is Bethany,” she responded, still shocked.

Love put its hand on Bethany’s shoulder and gave her a big hug. Suddenly Bethany felt the hand of her mom. She opened her eyes and saw her, “How can I go back to my normal life?” Bethany asked. “Can you please come back?” Bethany burst into tears.....

However, the hand still belonged to Love.

“Your mom asked me to tell you to be brave,” Love carried on. “And bring these fruit spirits to your heart.” With that, Love disappeared.

After that, Bethany returned to the village to find the same poem once again. It read— “We all have different strengths and talents, love your neighbour as yourself.” Bethany finally understood the message behind her dream, she had been given different strengths from the Lord. From that day on, she brought along this message as slogan in her rest of life.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Wong, Tyson – 8

There is a mountain in China named Huangshan. “Huang” refers to yellow, and “shan” refers to mountain. That is why Huangshan is also called Yellow Mountain. Is Yellow Mountain yellow? It is actually a blackish-green colour. In the past, it was called “Yishan”. The reason it was called Yellow Mountain was because of the Yellow Emperor, Huangdi.

Once upon a time, there was a young king called Huangdi. He was very diligent and cared for his people. He worked very hard, so he always forgot his normal meals. He just fed himself with quick meals that were not nutritious.

Day after day, his kingdom was getting stronger and stronger, but his health was getting weaker and weaker. He realised if he continued this habit, he was going to die soon. He had heard about the immortal pill but no matter how much money he spent, he still couldn't get it. He learned that it required 99 materials to be made. So, he decided to find all of the ingredients that were needed.

As time went by, Huangdi kept his bad habits. He continued to work so hard and forgot his meals again. He was still very unhealthy. He had visited so many mountains but he still couldn't gather all the ingredients he needed for the immortal pill.

Finally, he found Yishan. Yishan was a very tall mountain. There were many oddly-shaped rocks and pine trees there. Year after year, Huangdi kept climbing up the mountain. His body slowly became stronger and stronger. Since climbing up the hill consumes lots of energy, Huangdi ate healthier and healthier by eating the right kinds of foods with plenty of nutrients at all times.

He also slept earlier because there was no other distraction on the mountain and he wasn't required to work. He gradually became healthier and healthier. So at that time, Huangdi realised that the secret ingredient of becoming immortal was to sleep early, wake up early, exercise regularly and eat healthily. He decided to stop this search for all of the nonsense ingredients and returned to his kingdom and shared the amazing secret with his people. Huangdi lived happily ever after.

Tales from China's Magical Mountains

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Wong, Yeuk Kuk Darren – 8

Grandpa David was a paleontologist when he was young. He is now over 70 years old and the best storyteller I have ever met. Last night, he told me the most exciting story ever. It was about the magical mountains in China.

30 years ago, Grandpa David visited Huangshan, the Yellow Mountains, in the Anhui Province of China. Ancient Chinese people believed the Yellow Emperor became a god there. When Grandpa David visited Huangshan, he planned to study the ancient animal species that had lived there. The visit turned out to be a magical experience he never imagined...

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It was a chilly and misty day in spring. The mountains looked like they were wearing silk cloaks to keep them warm. While taking photos of the beautiful scenery, Grandpa David was left behind by his team. He tried to climb the stone steps faster to catch up with them, but a sudden shower of rain forced him to find a shelter. He was lucky to have found a cave close by. Unfortunately, the cave was so dark that when Grandpa David explored it, he tumbled and knocked himself unconscious.

With no idea on how much time had passed, Grandpa David woke up and realized he was still in the same dark cave. He slowly opened his eyes and felt a pain from his forehead. Suddenly he heard some noise and saw an old man holding a lantern walking towards him. The old man was dressed in green and wearing a white cloak.

"I am the god of the Yellow Mountains", said the old man, "You can call me Shanshen".

"Shanshen?"

"Yes, and this is my bodyguard, Blue Dragon", the old man said pointing at the entrance of the cave.

Grandpa David walked to the entrance and could not believe what he saw. There was a dragon, a shiny blue dragon, flying in the sky. Shanshen, then, gave him a silver wand engraved with a symbol of a dragon.

"Take this Dragon Wand. Wave it and Blue Dragon will take you back to your friends".

Grandpa David left the cave in disbelief and waved the Dragon Wand. He then found himself sitting on Blue Dragon's back in no time. Blue Dragon then flew around Huangshan very fast, searching everywhere for Grandpa David's team members. Out of the blue there was a strong breeze of wind and Grandpa David fell off Blue Dragon's back. He fell onto the grass and passed out again. When he woke up, he found himself lying in a hospital bed. Grandpa David had been found and rescued by his team. He had fully recovered after three days.

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"Isn't it an exciting story?", Grandpa David asked. "Yes, Grandpa, but it's a bit hard to believe". While I was wondering if it was true or not, he slowly took something out from his backpack. It was the Silver Dragon Wand!

The Magical Leaves

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Yan, Ashley – 6

In China, there is a magical mountain. The mountain is rocky but it has many trees. It is very beautiful when it is snowing

One day a tree had two legs and wanted to go to another mountain. Lucy came to the Mountain. She saw the walking tree and felt scared. She fell down with some leaves but she was hurt. She put one leaf on her wound and went back to her town. She went to the hospital and took out the leaf from her wound. She was surprised that it was recovered. She realized this was a magical leaf. Lucy thought if I go to the Mountain again, maybe I can get lots of magical leaves. She told this secret to her best friend Cici, who is a detective. Cici thought it was dangerous to go back again, so she decided to go with Lucy. They come to the mountain.

In the magical mountain, there lives a Chinese fairy. Her name is Rainbow. She spelled many plants in the mountain and they can move. She didn't want people to enter her magical kingdom. She had two fairy animals to guard the entrance. They are "Dog Strong" and "Cat Spell".

Cici and Lucy followed footprints of the walking tree, they found two special animals in the front of a cave. Cici thought that she could feed them. She tried to feed Dog Strong and Cat Spell. They were very happy to eat the delicious food. So Cici and Lucy entered the mountain but they were eaten by a big plant. Rainbow saw what happened from the cloud. She felt worried when she saw. She flew down to the ground and saved them.

When Rainbow saved them, she told Cici and Lucy that she would give them a dog to get out of this mountain. But Cici and Lucy wanted to find magical leaves, so Rainbow said to Dog Strong "you will take Cici and Lucy to look for the magical leaves."

Finally Cici and Lucy found the magical leaves and came back to their town. They used the magical leaves to cure who are sick and hurt.

The Sory of the Yellow Mountain Quest

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Yip, Gracelyn – 8

Once upon a time, there was a poet named Shang Zuang who lived in the Yellow Mountains. He had lived there for 50 years with other poets so he knew a lot of secrets about the mountains. One day, he built a time machine and wore it like a watch. As soon as he pressed a button he was zapped back in time 100 years ago. Once he got there, he saw a monkey staring at the small cottage. “Hello,” Shang said, “why are you staring at the cottage?” The monkey began a sad story of how he fell in love with a beautiful girl, and tricked her into marrying him by casting a spell upon himself to become a human being. The girl eventually found out that he was a monkey and never spoke to him again.

Before Shang could say anything else, the time machine zapped him into another time. Once he got there, he saw a man staring at a stone. “Why are you staring at the stone?” Shang asked. The man began a tale about how the stone used to be his friend. His friend didn’t want to leave so he turned himself into a stone replica of himself. Suddenly, the time machine made a loud noise and broke, Shang found himself flying up into the sky and landing on a fluffy cloud.

A voice suddenly said, “Shang Zuang!” “Who said that?” wondered Shang. Shang then saw a God flying in the sky. “Hello,” the God said, “do you know why I chose you to hear those two legends?” Shang said, “I don’t know. Why did you choose me?” The God said, “It is because I want you to go to the Power Cave in the Yellow Mountains and retrieve the Power Diamond. But, I have to warn you, the quest is very dangerous.” After that, the God disappeared and Shang fell asleep. After what felt like a long time, Shang woke up in his bed. Shang suddenly realised that it wasn’t a dream as he pinched himself and clearly saw the map in front of him. “Whoa!” he thought, “this will be a very dangerous quest, filled with monsters. How will I ever complete this quest?” Just then, Shang saw a mighty sword and a note next to it, which said “Shang, this is a sword for you to slay the monsters and conquer the quest. Good luck!”

Shang knew that the God was counting on him, so he packed his belongings and set out for the quest. After seven arduous days, Shang finally arrived at his destination. After battling some very scary monsters Shang found the Power Cave and grabbed the Power Diamond. The sky then shook, and suddenly Shang got dragged into a tornado and flew high into the sky, eventually landing in Heaven and seeing God. He presented the Power Diamond to God, and God made him an angel as a reward for his bravery.

The Huangshanese

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Yu, Jazlynn – 7

A 9-year-old girl named Ying Ying went hiking with her parents in Huangshan during the spring time in 2021. Her parents were both the top scientists in China who specialized in studying viruses. The family hiked to a mysterious place in the park and found a hole. They went inside the hole to search for an adventure, and accidentally fell down to an extremely deep part inside Huangshan!

They could not believe what they saw. They saw another kind of species called Homo Erectus. Everyone thought they had become extinct 50 thousand years ago. In reality, they had been living underneath Huangshan together with many other extinct animals, including dinosaurs! They called themselves Huangshanese. Their world was totally different from ours. All the species there did not eat animals, they only ate fruits and vegetables. They could all communicate with each other, and all the creatures live peacefully there. Ying Ying even saw a flying dinosaur that looked like a dragon. Maybe that was why many Chinese people said they saw dragons nearby Huangshan.

The leader of the Huangshanese, named Meng, came to greet Ying Ying and her parents. He had big round eyes, long hair, short chin, dark brown skin, and he was much shorter than them. He said, "Welcome to our homeland - Huangshan. For thousands of years, none of your people have seen us. We have protected ourselves and all the animals underneath here, so that we won't get killed by extreme weather or human beings. Today, we want to invite you here, because we know that your people are being attacked by a kind of virus. We want to help you. We may know the cure of the virus."

Ying Ying and her parents stayed under Huangshan for an entire month to study how to cure the virus. Many scientists believed that the Coronavirus came from animals - the animals on earth were sick because of the environmental pollution, that was why they carried the virus. However, the animals underneath Huangshan were not affected at all, that was how they discovered that the cure to the virus came from these animals! Finally, Ying Ying and her parents returned home and brought the cure back to their lab. They produced the vaccine, and saved the world!

Ying Ying had the most incredible adventure here underneath Huangshan. She had become friends with the children there. The Huangshanese were gentle, kind and friendly. Before they left Huangshan, they promised Meng and his community that they wouldn't tell the world about them. Therefore, nobody knew that it truly was the Huangshanese who saved the world!

A Big Adventure

St. Stephen's College Preparatory School, Zheng, Ethan – 8

Once upon a time, there was a warrior named Ethan. He's a brave knight, but he had been executed from his kingdom because he was accused of murdering a goldsmith. He was sent away with his friend, Rex and they were told that they needed to get the Demon's necklace, before they could return. The Demon lived in HuangShan, a mysterious mountain. The holy mountain no one dared to go. Our story started when Ethan and Rex were camping in the mountain.

"Yawn!" said Ethan, waking up. "Come on, were getting close!" replied Rex. He was ready to go and was waking up Ethan.

They took no breaks walked and walked until it was lunch. Suddenly, they were eating their lunch, a bush near Rex moved! "What was that!?" asked Ethan, completely shocked and before they could move, a beast leapt out! It was carrying a baby monkey! "Run for your lives!" Cried Rex, but they stayed out.

Ethan got his sword out. After a few slashes, the beast lay on the ground—dead. Ethan saved the baby monkey. Rex slowly came out of the bush and he was impressed with Ethan's bravery. He stared at the beast before realizing a group of natives were staring at them. They seemed friendly and took Ethan and Rex to their village.

"Hey, who's that?" Ethan suddenly asked. One native replied, "That is our leader, THE DEMON!" Ethan and rex looked at each other, then raced towards the Demon.

"Who disturbs me?" What do you want? I don't think I will allow it, whatever it is!"

"We want the necklace please Miss Demon!" whimpered Ethan. "Yes please!" whimpered Rex, backing Ethan a bit. "Oh!" said the Demon, sounding not that mighty. " You can have this, it's just a magic gold that I made. Take it!" said the Demon.

The two heroes were shocked! "Uh ...well ... um ...!" Stuttered Rex. "Wow! Really! For Real? Gee thanks!" Shouted Ethan, clearly over excited. Even the monkey on Ethan's shoulder could sense his master's happiness and went "Gee! Gee! Wa! Wa!

"But before you go, you must receive the village's 800,000 dollars from another tribe. Be careful, they are much more advanced than us. They have guns, rifles, snipers, missiles etc." Said the Demon suddenly. Ethan was confused and he thought to himself "Why did the village have so much money before" But he kept his thoughts to himself. He didn't want trouble. "Ok! We will bring back to you. Don't worry!" Replied Rex, and off the heroes went.

Rex knew that tribe. He had been reading about it. They walked approximately for five days, six nights, then, they were there. They entered the city. It was very crowded, but they soon found the main hut. It was bigger than other huts and was brightly coloured. It was very hard to miss. When they stepped in, there was a golden throne. On the throne sat a very important looking man. On their sides were lined black columns. The man on the throne suddenly reached out his gun. Bong! Bong! Ethan and Rex suddenly realized that it was a prank! The Demon pranked them by making an illusion! Everyone laughed. Ethan and Rex returned home, and never worried again.

Chloe's Adventures in Huangshan Wonderland

The Independent Schools Foundation Academy, Cao, Chloe – 7

It was Christmas Eve. I was getting sleepy of reading about Chinese poets in Tang Dynasty...

Suddenly I found myself in the mountains. It felt chilly but everything smelled so fresh. I started to walk along a small trail and couldn't help admiring the amazing sceneries of cloud fluff and rocks of all shapes in front of me.

Soon I felt lonely all by myself, but to my surprise, I heard someone talking, "LI Bai, come over here. I found a rock we can sit on, and some water to drink!"

The moment I heard that name, I was SHOCKED! "It can't be true! Did I really travel back in time to Tang Dynasty in the 8th century?" Then I took a closer look – there LI Bai was, with two other men too, one very old and the other very young.

"What an odd group!" I thought to myself. Then I realized that old man might be HE Zhizhang, as I knew he was a good friend of LI Bai's. The third man felt familiar as well – probably in his 20s and likely a poet too.

I got all curious, went closer, and introduced myself. "How nice to see you all here! I'm Chloe. I was born in 2013, but I don't even know how I got here... Can you tell me where I am and which year it is right now?"

They opened their eyes wide, "It sounds like you traveled a long way to get here. We are in Tang Dynasty and here is Huangshan."

"I just overheard your name. Are you really the great poet LI Bai?! And am I right that this old gentleman might be HE Zhizhang?"

They nodded with a big smile "Smart girl! How do you know us?"

"I love Chinese poetry and read a lot about you! But I can't figure out who he is..." pointing to the third man.

He laughed, "I am DU Fu and you might have heard about me too?"

"Wow! I never thought people of such big age gaps can be as good friends as you are!"

LI Bai responded "Indeed, I'm in my 30s, Mr. He in his 80s and Mr. Du in his 20s, but age doesn't matter for friendship!"

LI Bai went on to share their story, "We all worked for our emperor in the past, but we love the nature and freedom so much that we are finding our new home here in Huangshan! We have all the time with each other, sharing food and wine, writing poems and having fun. And now we are joined by you, a little new friend, who is not even 10 years old! What a wonderful world!"

"I'm not sure how long I can stay... but I enjoy meeting you all!"

"Chloe... you just nodded off on your book again..." I barely opened my eyes but quickly realized it was a nice dream flying to Huangshan.

Yellow Mountain Adventure

The Independent Schools Foundation Academy, Tse, Alyssia – 6

It was a cloudy and misty day.

Alyssia was drawing a Chinese mountain painting. She was fed up because she did not know how to draw the Yellow Mountain. She had never been there.

Suddenly the key began to glow. It was time for a magic adventure. The magic took Alyssia to the village in the snow. She was in the foot of Yellow Mountain. It was an abandoned village. No one could be seen.

“Help me!” Alyssia heard a voice.

“Who are you? I am Alyssia. Can you come out?” said Alyssia.

“I am the rock standing behind you. A bad witch put a spell on me and I turned into a rock. There are hundreds of rocks in the Yellow Mountain. They are my village people. Can you go up to the top of the mountain and get the magic sword?” said the Rock.

“What? That steep mountain? It is hard to get right to the top.” said Alyssia

“Yes, it is. There are a total of 60,000 granite steps to climb to the top, but the scenery is beautiful.” said the Rock. Alyssia tried her best. She trekked up the sweeping staircase. Alyssia was shocked by the breathtaking views along the way. She saw frozen pine trees in the snow. She also saw the monkey hiding in the caves. She was not cold and tired at all.

At last, she arrived at the top of the mountain. The magic sword was inside a glass bottle. Alyssia broke the glass bottle and grabbed the sword. Suddenly the sword began to glow. A sled appeared. She went on the sled. “This is fun.” said Alyssia.

She returned to the abandoned village and broke the rocks by the magic sword. She broke the spell and saved the village people.

A little girl appeared in front of Alyssia.

“Thank you for helping us.” said the girl.

The magic key began to glow. “It is time to go.” said Alyssia. The magic took her home. “What an adventure.” Alyssia thought.

She continued her painting. She painted a magnificent view of Yellow Mountain surrounded by a thick sea of clouds.

The Magical Potion in Huangshan

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Chan, Caitlyn – 9

It was a gloomy cold day in February in Huangshan City. Chong was feeding his father medicine, who has been in his sickbed for months, “Knock knock ...” their loudmouth slob landlord knocked on the door and yelled, “I still have not received your rent!”

“Sorry, my father is getting sicker. We spent most of our money on medicine. Please give us more time.” Chong pleaded.

The landlord interrupted, “Have you considered my proposal about getting the potion of immortality from Huangshan to cure your father? You must also give some to me, then I can write-off the money you owe me. You better act fast, I may change my mind!” The landlord left with a greedy grin and an evil snicker.

Next morning, Chong packed some food and water, and set off for the potion. Chong hiked through the peaks and rocks of Huangshan in heavy snow towards the Flying Stone, where the alchemists Rong Chengzi and Fu Qiugong made the potion for Huangdi.

Just as he approached the Sea of Clouds, Chong saw a dog whimpering weakly on a path side. Chong carefully placed the dog in a nearby cave to keep it away from snow. He gave the dog most of his food, which the dog immediately gobbled up as if it had been starving for days. Chong told the dog, “You better stay away from snow. Here is some food for you. I am going to get the potion for my sick dad now. I will come back for you when I am heading back home.” The dog made a yelping noise as if saying “Thank you”.

Chong left the cave.

He suddenly heard some slithering noise.

A monster with a lion body and a snake head appeared in front of him! When Chong was thinking about what to do, the dog he just helped came to his aid. The dog snarled at the monster and bit its throat until it collapsed onto the snow. As Chong ran to the dog to see if it was hurt, the dog transformed into Han Xianzi, one of the eight immortals!

“You gave me food when I needed it the most.” Han Xianzi said calmly.

“Thank you for saving my life!” Chong said. “Hope you are feeling better now. Do you know where I can find the potion to cure my father?”

Han Xianzi smiled and waved his hands in the air and said, “Take it.” Suddenly everything was dark. When Chong’s vision was clear again, he was holding two bottles of potion standing in his living room with the landlord in front of him!

The landlord snatched a bottle of potion from Chong’s hand and drank it immediately, “I am immortal now! HAHAAH...”

Chong ran to his father’s room and let him drink the potion. His father was immediately healed and gained strength. When Chong returned to the living room, he saw his landlord turned into a grandpa, who could barely scream for help.

The Fantasy of Huangshan

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Chan, Crystal – 8

After a fascinating day up at the Huangshan mountain, Li-hua descended the mountain with her family through a yellow dusty path surrounded by towering pine trees. Li-hua looked down onto her rumbling stomach, “I wish I packed more food this morning,” she whispered to herself with a sigh. Her head drooped down and spotted a bunch of colourful glittering mushrooms. “Yum!” Li-hua thought.

“Don’t touch, they might be poisoned!” warned her mother. Li-hua was sure the mushrooms weren’t poisoned because they looked so heavenly! She shoved all of the mushrooms in her mouth.

“Ouch!” she cried, clutching her neck. She fell down and pressed against the grimy ground. She used her best strength to pull herself up and a scar suddenly appeared on her hand. Everything turned black.

She woke up by a splash of water and a rainbow-coloured phoenix swirled beside her. “Are you alright?” Rainbow Phoenix asked, smiling.

“I think I am fine,” mumbled Li-hua. “I ate some colorful mushrooms at Huangshan mountain and then I am here.” Li-hua tried to think what happened as she spoke.

“Oh, those magic colourful glittering mushrooms? After you finish eating them, you will feel unwell but they can make you fly like me!” explained Rainbow Phoenix flapping her gigantic wings.

“That’s exciting but I need to find my Mom and Dad! Can you help me?” asked Li-hua worryly. Rainbow Phoenix immediately gave Li-hua a big hug by her colourful gigantic wings and nodded her head. “THANK YOU!” Li-hua said with tears dropping from her eyes. Rainbow Phoenix placed Li-hua at her strong back and they soared up to the sky above granite peaks spiking through billowing clouds.

Rainbow Phoenix decelerated as she saw a flowing waterfall by a cliff. She placed Li-hua on a wooden plank hanging along the cliff and said, “Darling, you need to walk through the plank yourself to get to the other side of the mountain then you will see your family.”

Li-hua warily stepped onto the wooden plank with nervous sweat dripping down onto her face. She tightly held the rope along the cliff and suddenly a group of beautiful birds soared through the sky. “WOW!” Li-hua was amazed and her attention shifted to the birds. Next, Li-hua found herself stepping on nothing, she wobbled then tumbled down the cliff with a scream “AHHHH!!!” until the sound disappeared.

Everything became black, a splash of water washed into Li-hua’s brain. All of a sudden, her Mom and Dad were standing beside her. “Are you okay? I told you not to eat those mushrooms!” urged her mother.

“Yes, now I have learnt my lesson!” admitted Li-hua. “Can we go home and eat dinner because I have just climbed the mountain again with Rainbow Phoenix,” Li-hua demanded.

“What phoenix?” everyone asked curiously.

Alice and the Witches

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Chan, Natalie – 7

Alice lived in a dark cave in Mount Huangshan with her adorable kitten and her courageous father. When she turned 11, she was allowed to wander outside of Mount Huangshan, but her father warned her of the witches and asked her to be careful. However, Alice always said in a playful voice, “Witches do not exist, so please stop.”

Until one day...

Alice was playing outside when she heard a swooping sound above. She looked up to see creatures on broomsticks in the sky, and then fainted.

Alice woke up and found herself in a dark and spooky cave. She looked at her arms and screamed, “What happened to me? My hands are all dark!” Then she saw a mirror and approached it carefully, only to find herself looking like a monster. She screamed again.

In the meantime, Father started to get worried at home and went to look for her, but in vain. When he returned home, there was a note on the table that said, “I can give her back to you, but you must place the diamond jewel on the table for me—Wither.” All along, Father knew witches were real and suspected Alice’s best friend, Ximena, had also been captured by witches. He needed to rescue them from the evil creatures.

Alice was still wondering how she had become a monster, and who did it to her, when she heard a voice outside the window. “Psst! Alice! It’s Ximena! Like me, you’ve just been kidnapped by witches! The grand high witch, Wither, wanted to take your beauty to become the most glamorous witch of all time! One evil witch stole my beauty too!”

Alice, looked around nervously, “Do we need to stay here after our beauty is gone?”

“Yes, because they would force us to drink a potion to make sure we will never be beautiful again,” answered Ximena.

“This is terrible! We can’t see our parents!” cried Alice.

“We will have to make a plan to get our beauty back, and destroy the witches,” Ximena said calmly.

Suddenly, the door opened and a beautiful young lady came in. Ximena hid behind the mirror as the woman closed the door behind her. “Hello, little girl, what do you want for breakfast?” asked the lady politely.

“Don’t be fooled. It’s one of the most powerful witches,” whispered Ximena.

“Nothing. Thank you,” replied Alice.

“What about some apple juice?”

“No.”

“What about a teensy, tiny drop of water?”

“No,” said Alice impatiently.

Now, witches don’t like rejections, so she flew in rage. “How dare you refuse me!” She grabbed her wand and was about to say the spell when Ximena pulled Alice to the window.

They hopped down, landing at a place full of bottles of potions. In a corner, Alice saw sticks and lighters. “Look! We could use these to burn down the place and get our beauty back!” Then, they drank their potion and got their beauty back.

Their plan worked, but soon they realised they couldn’t escape. So, they hopped out of the cave, leaving fire spreading and witches screaming. “We’re also going to burn into ashes!” Alice shouted at the top of her lungs as she desperately attempted to hang onto ledges of the caves.

Suddenly, a gigantic eagle with a man sitting on it was flying towards them. It was Alice’s father! “Hop on, we are going home.”

“I’m sorry I didn’t listen to you about the witches.” Alice had learnt her lesson, and in the future she will always listen to her father’s advices.

The Manhero That Brings Bravery Everywhere

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Chan, Samuel – 8

Once upon a time, there lives a man called Sam Vic Chi, he loves yellow, that is why he has a nickname called Yellowman, he has powers that normal people do not have, he fights to the end, and never gives up.

One day, he went to the Yellow Mountain to help the king as he wished to, but the king did not invite him but wants him to come, he climbed and finally arrived, and visited the king, the king laughed when he saw him and said he is a knight, (Which he did not know), and he could guard the palace.

One day, a stranger that steals arrived to kill the king, Yellowman saw him and prepared for battle, as the stranger arrived at the king area, he jumped down and drew his sword, "What took you so long?!" The King said as he panicked, "I was preparing." Yellowman replied, suddenly, the stranger shouted: "Get out of my way!" They started to fight and soon after, Yellowman shouted: "Run away! Don't just watch people die!" And so the king ran and ran but an avalanche of city people ran.

Yellow Master shouted so hard that all the people ran away as he prepared to kill, he shot a net at the broken ceiling and then as another avalanche of bad people came, he jumped down and with a "Swipe!", the whole avalanche died, plus the stranger.

The King said: "I want to change your name, do you allow me?"

"Yes, I allow."

"I will call you The Manhero That Brings Bravery Everywhere."

"Alright. May I live here? In China?"

"Yes, you may."

Because of this, the newspaper about him appeared:

In the King's castle, a man called Sam Vic Chi saved the King from a stranger, plus killed a lot of bad guys, and the King changed his name to A Manhero That Brings Bravery Everywhere, and because he saved the King's life, the King had let him to live in the castle in China, so he lived as a knight to protect the King even though there are Guards already.

Within a week, the whole kingdom was filled with this thing called "Powery Hero" or "Yay Man Hero" or "Life King Hero" known as the "A Manhero That Brings Bravery Everywhere", as well did the kingdom fill up like a jar into a fridge, into a house into a block, into a MTR station, into a city, into a world, into a universe into the milky way, into the galaxy with craziness, then... flipped over.

As weeks passed, "A Manhero That Brings Bravery Everywhere" could not stand that craziness and complains to the king, the king ordered the people to be quiet and so there was peaceful and silence in this kingdom, so the kingdom flipped back over into the right side, and that was how "A Manhero That Brings Bravery Everywhere" saved the king from a lot of bad guys.

Bo and the Sea of Clouds

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Hui, Charis – 7

“Mom, Dad, look! I see something strange in the sky!” shouted Bo as he walked up the Yellow Mountain. This was Bo’s first time to visit his grandparents. Bo’s mom ignored him and said, “Hurry up, we need to get going.” Bo was silent. He stared at the clouds which were like dragons swirling and dancing around mountain peaks. He gasped, “It is magical!”

“Where’s Mom and Dad?” Bo cried as he frantically rushed up the hill trying to catch up with his parents. He stopped. In front of him, there was a fork in the path. “Which way should I go?” Bo muttered. Suddenly, a haunting mist was streaming at Bo and he couldn’t see anything. He decided to head back down to wait for his parents. He ran and accidentally stepped on a loose stone. Next he found himself hanging off the cliff with only a few fingers gripping the ledge. “I couldn’t hold any longer!” Bo screamed. He closed his eyes and let go. He fell through thin air like a baby bird falling off its nest. Bo couldn’t hear anything. Bo couldn’t feel anything.

THUD! Bo landed on something hard. “I must be dead!” thought Bo. He opened his eyes and found himself floating in the middle of the sky. He sat up and looked around. Suddenly, he saw a dragon’s head turning and looking at him. He backed off a little and stared at him with uttered amazement. “Are you a dragon?” Bo asked. “Yes, I am Shen. I am the master of all dragons. I have been living in the Yellow Mountain for 3000 years and I am here to guard the mountain,” said Shen. Bo cried unbelievably, “I knew it. It was you flying in the sky!”

“It’s getting dark and your parents must be worried. I need to bring you home,” Shen said. Bo told Shen about his grandparents and said, “I don’t know where they live.” Shen then pointed at the sapphire on his neck and said, “Take it. It will show you the way.” Bo made his wish. The sapphire glowed. Bo felt a gust beneath him and then he was flying!

After a while, Shen pointed down. “That red house is where your grandparents live.” Bo saw his grandparents in the front yard. “Don’t tell anyone,” said Shen, “about me, or else the legend and the mountain will be lost.” Bo nodded, “I promise. Thank you for saving my life. Will I see you again?” Shen replied, “just look up into the sky.” Bo hugged Shen, turned and walked to the house. When he looked back, Shen was gone.

“Mom, Dad, I am here!” Bo cried when he saw his parents in the front yard. Bo’s mom cried out in joy and ran to him. She picked him up and asked, “We thought we will lose you forever. How did you find your way here?” Bo smiled and looked up to the sky. He said, “The clouds brought me.”

Enchanted Fairyland in the Yellow Mountain

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Hui, Samantha – 7

“I hate waking up early!” Rose was lying on a hotel bed in the Yellow Mountain. Her parents were bringing her to watch the sunset the next day. Mom ignored her and said, “Just go to bed.” Rose turned her back to her mom and looked out of the window. She was playing with her magic stone she brought with her and mumbled, “I’m not even tired!”

Suddenly, Rose saw a beautiful fairy in a luminous dress sitting on the windowsill. She fluttered her wings and smiled at Rose. Rose rubbed her eyes and looked again. The fairy was still there. “Mom, I see a fairy!” Rose shouted. Mom was fast asleep and didn’t respond. The fairy flew towards Rose and pulled her to the window.

“Shhhh! Don’t wake up your parents. They won’t be able to see me. Only a true believer in fairies do,” said the fairy. Rose was silent. The fairy continued, “My name is Ming. I’m feeling bored tonight and maybe we can go out for an adventure together?” Rose hesitated, but she certainly wanted to see how a fairyland looks like. Rose nodded excitedly.

“Let our journey begin,” Ming held Rose’s hand and muttered a magic word. Then the window swung open. Rose tucked her fairy stone in her pocket and she found herself beginning to float. Her feet were no longer touching the ground. She was FLYING!

Rose couldn’t believe it. The Yellow Mountain was so beautiful. There was no sun that could be seen but it was fully as bright as daytime. “Keep quiet and don’t wake up the giants!” Ming said. “What do you mean? I don’t see any giants,” Rose whispered. “Look at the rocks. They are sleeping giants,” Ming grinned. “We have to make sure that they are asleep by singing lullabies to them every night.”

PLUNK. Rose’s fairy stone fell from the pocket and landed on the rock. “My stone!” cried Rose. Then she saw the rocks moving. “Oh no! We woke the giants.” “I’ll fix it,” said Ming. Ming chanted as thousands of fairies flew around her. They waved their magic wands together and the giants froze. The fairies disappeared. Ming smiled at Rose.

Suddenly, a fairy godmother appeared and said to Ming sternly, “Ming, you are not supposed to bring humans to our fairyland without my permission.” Then she turned to Rose and said, “Rose, I believe you have to go.” The fairy godmother waived her magic wand and the whole sky began to glow. She then saw a white light surrounding her. She began to feel faint.

“Wake up, sweetie. We need to get going.” Mom called. Rose sat up. She rubbed her eyes and found herself lying on the hotel bed. At this moment, something caught her eye. She saw fairy dust on the windowsill, and beside the curtain, she found her magic stone! She looked out of the window and saw Ming waving at her. Rose smiled. Ming smiled back. Then she vanished.

The Blue Sky

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Ko, Khloe – 9

‘Grand mom, the blue sky in this poster is so beautiful. Is it fake?’ The old lady replied sadly, ‘My dear Oscar, storm is coming soon. Let’s go home.’ In the year of 2125, fog was all around the city and masked people were rushing back home. Dr. Ben had just got off from his work and he decided to do some herbs’ searching in the nearby forest. Indeed, it was also his interest to collect herbs for the medical usage. On the foggy day, the forest seemed to be covered by a blanket of cotton candy and Dr. Ben was lost. Accidentally, he discovered a secret path. After walking up for uncountable steps, Dr. Ben looked up amazedly, ‘Oh my goodness! Am I in paradise?’ In front of Dr. Ben was such a breathtaking view. Spectacular rocky peaks and giant pines were surrounded by the clouds’ sea. Birds were flying around the blue sky. Dr. Ben reached the mount Huangshan.

While Dr. Ben was searching for herbs, he discovered a new species. When he touched it gently, the whole piece of herbs turned into a blue shiny color. Then, an Angel popped up, ‘Hello! Our kind-hearted Dr. Ben. I have a task for you to help out the world, are you willing to do it?’ Dr. Ben thought for a moment and nodded his head after calming down. Angel smiled, ‘Please take the herbs with you and it will guide you the way. Thank you!’ Angel disappeared.

Dr. Ben went back to the dusty city again, he stopped by the cafe for a coffee break. ‘Dr. Ben, how are you doing?’ Principal Kurtis waived his hand from the next table. ‘Hi Kurtis, I am so happy to see you. How is everything?’ Dr. Ben replied excitedly for meeting his old friend. Principal Kurtis said, ‘I am having a meeting with my team for setting up a new school below the mount Huangshan. Look at the grey dark sky! We need to educate our next generation for a better world.’ Dr. Ben was so agreed with Kurtis’s point of view. Principal Kurtis asked, ‘We are finding the teachers for our new school. Ben, would you be interested to join?’ Dr Ben smiled and was invited to join the meeting with Principal Kurtis’s team together. After Dr. Ben arrived home that night, he planned to take out the piece of magic herbs from his backpack. Instead, he found a book named “For a better world”. Dr. Ben flipped around the pages and was excited to see a lot of information about how to change for a better world.

One afternoon in the year of 2146, Dr. Ben took a walk with his student and said, ‘Oscar, the sky seems extraordinarily clear today!’ Oscar replied with a smile, ‘When I was young, I used to think the blue sky could only be seen in the poster. It is blessed to see it with my own eyes.’

Fairy of Yellow Mountain

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Lai, Ellen – 7

Today my mother decided to take me to the Yellow Mountain. I was very excited. Since my father has to go work, my mother has decided to drive there with me.

Traffic was bad in the morning and it took us two hours of driving to reach the suburb area. It was almost noon by then, so my mother decided to stop by a restaurant to grab a sandwich and ate them swiftly.

Soon, we reached the parking area of Yellow Mountain. I opened the car door and I heard "Tweet Tweet". I saw two birds chirping happily on the tree branch.

My mother wanted to take a rest after the long drive and asked me to not wander off to far. I decided to walk up the smallest hill since I felt safe at this place with all the guards around. On the way up the mountain, I saw trees, birds, stones and flowers.

While I was walking up the steps, I was imagining what I might be able to see at the tip of the hill. Suddenly, I tripped and I fell over. I landed myself on a big hard rock. I bruised my arm and there was blood spilling out. I felt clumsy because I was not looking at where I was going.

I decided to walk back down to the waiting area to find my mother first. I saw her sitting on a bench and I told her what happened. I asked my mom if she got any bandages with her. Luckily, my mother was well prepared and she handed over a bandage to me.

My mother said "You should walk slowly and carefully later". I replied "Yes mom" in a bit of shameful tone.

I quickly put the bandage on my arm and I started to walk up the steps again with much caution this time.

After half an hour walking, I finally reached the tip of a small hill. What a beautiful and wonderful place, so many clouds were moving among the mountain like the ocean, all the trees turned silver, the air was a bit cold, I was so shocked with what I saw. I saw a fairy on the opposite hill greeting me!

I rubbed my eyes because I couldn't believe it's happening! I said "hello" but the fairy was too far away from where I stood. Nevertheless, I was very surprised with what I just saw. I ran back down the hill and told my mother what I saw.

My mother followed me and went back again. My mom was also surprised as she couldn't believe that fairies even exist! She tried to take her camera out to take a picture of the fairy, but the fairy saw us and flew away. It was such a shame to not being able to take a picture of it.

Soon, the sky went dark and I got tired. Me and my mother started to walk back to our car. My legs were wobbly like a jelly.

It was such a fun and amazing day! It was like an adventure! I will never forget this amazing day of my life for being at the Yellow Mountain.

The Origami Adventure

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Lam, Caden – 8

“Max!! Have you done your homework?”

Max didn't reply. He was sitting on the rooftop working hard on his origami.

Max's mother became furious and dashed up the stairs stomping her feet. “Do your homework right NOW!!” she yelled through the attic. “Fine, at least let me finish my origami dragon first.” Max moaned.

The night darkened very quickly, heavy rain was pouring with lightning striking every few seconds. Thunder roared loudly across the Yellow Mountains. The once beautiful mountains instantly transformed into a dark spooky place.

A giant creepy blue shadow appeared out of the fog. It lifted a shiny black sword towards the sky casting an ice storm over the village. Observing quietly out of his window, Max saw his neighbours screaming and running desperately in fear. They ran slower and slower as ice started forming on their ankles, spreading upwards to their bodies and faces, until they were all frozen into statues.

Max stared at his origami dragon feeling helpless and sad. He sighed “If only you were alive to fight against the blue shadow, my friends won't be hurt.” As Max's tears fell on his origami, it suddenly grew into a real fire dragon.

The dragon looked down at Max and said, “Max, we have to fight the blue shadow! He is an evil ice dragon from the Yellow Sea. He has sharp black claws, iron tough scales and spits out deadly ice to freeze its enemies.” Max knew that he must defeat him in order to save his village.

Weaving through the mountains on his fire dragon, Max tried to hunt down the ice dragon. Out of nowhere, both dragons collided head to head. The ice dragon clawed at the fire dragon while the fire dragon swiped back. Losing their balance, they fell head down together onto a cliff.

Both dragons got up slowly from the ground. Max saw his fire dragon injured his tail and the ice dragon wounded his wings. Taking this advantage, Max ordered his fire dragon to breathe out strong fire onto the ice dragon to immobilize him. After sucking in a huge gasp of air and expanding it in his chest, the fire dragon let out a huge breath of fire onto the ice dragon, hurting him badly. The ice dragon was caught on fire and was unable to escape with his injured wings. With only his left claw hanging onto the cliff edge, he screamed “Help! I promise not to attack anyone if you would save me!” The fire dragon was hesitating on whether he should save him until Max cried “Save him! He will save our frozen villagers!”

“Max, come and play hide and seek!” A familiar voice came from outside Max's window. Max got up from his bed and looked outside. He saw his neighbours were busy restoring the village, he was glad that the ice dragon had kept his promise. Meanwhile, sitting peacefully on Max's desk was the fire dragon origami with his paper tail damaged.

Aiden and the Dragon of Huangshan

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Lee, Sean – 7

There was a boy whose name was Aiden. His biggest ambition was to hike to the peak of Huangshan to be famous. After years and years of training, he finally got a chance to achieve his goal! On the special day, Aiden was really excited. His eyes sparkled with enthusiasm at the sight of Huangshan.

He decided to start walking on the path that people had set. The narrow road creaked when he stepped on it. He was terrified that he would fall. Suddenly, a large mob of excited tourists charged past him. The fragile path started to break with the extra pressure, and it started to fall apart. Aiden fell, fell, and fell... He shut his eyes in fear. Suddenly, he realized that he was no longer falling, instead suspended in mid-air. He was so shocked his jaw fell to the ground!

A magnificent dragon floated before him, its scales as black as midnight. His eyes were golden yellow, and a dark aura of power radiated from it. Aiden couldn't believe his eyes. The dragon said to him in a worried voice, 'I am Viper, the king of the dragons. Our species are going extinct. If this continues, there will be no more dragons anywhere. Everyone will forget us and there will be no more legends about dragons. We need you to help us!' Aiden was shocked. 'What do we need to do, then?' 'Come to my mountain home, there's a special place where we need to tell you a story,' replied the dragon.

Aiden climbed on the dragon's back, and they disappeared into a portal. They reappeared in a magical cave inside Huangshan. There was an egg in a glass case. The egg was white with patches of orange. It was as big as a basketball, and sparkling with magic. Viper said to him, 'The first dragons were born from this magic dragon egg. The dragon egg made sure that the legend of the dragon always lived on. But lately, there have been so many dragon battles that we had to keep the egg safe, but this meant that no new dragons could be born.'

'That's horrible!' Aiden gasped. Viper nodded. 'If we let the dragons be born, the egg will be destroyed by battles. If we keep it here, our species will fade out. So we need you to help us.' 'But what can I do?' Aiden asked. 'You can keep the egg safe in the human world, and allow the legend of the dragons to live on,' replied the dragon. Aiden agreed immediately. 'I won't let you down!' he promised. 'Thank you!' said the dragon. 'Now, I will send you to Huangshan Peak by magic.'

Viper created a portal for Aiden and the egg. Aiden jumped through the portal, with the egg safely in his backpack... When he arrived at the peak, he was stunned by the magnificent view. And out of the corner of his eye, he thought he caught a glimpse of a dragon...

Flourite

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Leung, Mina – 7

There was a village perched on the peak of Huangshan. Where the village was raised high above the clouds. The people that live there have magic.

There's a girl called flourite living in the village. Fluorite is a type of rock that can glow-in-the-dark. Flourite was different from the other villagers because she has a different power. Flourite can talk to dragons.

One day, when Flourite went to school, she tripped on something on the front steps. It was a package with a tag tied to it.

"To: Flourite,
From: V"

Flourite thought "hmmm...who is "V"? I don't know anyone whose name starts with the letter "v"!" She knew not to open any packages without her parents' permission, but she was too curious. So she carefully untied the package. She saw a piece of rock and there was a note.

Fluorite read the note carefully: "If you want to know about your past, go to The World of the Dragons. Bring the piece of flourite which is the piece of rock in case you didn't know. The flourite will guide you to our world."

"I know I can't go anywhere without mom, but I want to know about my past, so I will go."

After school, she remembered about going to the World of the Dragons. She then took out the piece of fluorite. Her eyes widened because there were words written on the flourite! "Follow the dragon tracks." She looked on the ground and saw some claw prints so she followed them. "Follow the pictures in the cave." Then Flourite found herself in front of a deep dark cave.

"It looks scary." She said. "Wow!it's dark!" she took out her flashlight and shined it onto the walls and saw lots of painted dragons.

She followed the pictures. When she got out of the cave, she saw two real dragons at the exit.

"Excuse me."

The dragons turned around and said "who are you and what are you doing here?"

"I am fluorite and I'm here to learn about my past."

One guard said "I'll bring you to the palace and the Queen will be waiting for you."

Flourite went in and saw a dragon with purple scales.

"Hello?" Fluorite said.

"I see that you want to learn about your past.So... Oh!I'm sorry I forgot to introduce myself! I am Violet, Queen of the dragons! Follow me." The Queen stopped in a garden. "Drop the fluorite here." She pointed at a water fountain.

When Flourite dropped the piece of flourite into the fountain, images started appearing in the water and showed her parents dropping rocks into the exact same Fountain. Then followed images of her other family members. Violet explained the images. "Everytime someone's name is a type of rock, they will come with the rock that's their name." Fluorite understood. She was ready to go home. Violet said"take this."

Back home, Flourite showed her family the purple scale and everybody cheered "hip hip horray!"

The Mystical Beast Of The Magical Mountain

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Li, Andrea – 8

Ding! Matthew's alarm rang. Matthew lived in a magical village on the magical clouds and was the Emperor of the Yellow Mountain's messenger. He was asked to show the Emperor's special box to the Queen, who lives on the opposite side of the Yellow Mountain. Matthew was very curious what was inside the box because he was not allowed to open it. He wished so much that he could know what was actually inside the box. He stared and stared. After visiting the Queen, he was going back to the Emperor's palace. On his way back, a mystical dragon-monster sprang out from the middle of the mountain. Clickety-clack, his steps had awoken the dragon-monster.

What could he do? He thought while facing the dragon-monster. "What

Should I do?" Suddenly, an idea popped out of his mind. He knew what he should do. An answer to his question.

He asked the dragon-monster for a battle and of course, the dragon-monster said yes. The dragon-monster only answered yes because it knew it would win. At the battle, the dragon-monster hit Matthew in the arm with his gigantic claw. After Matthew rescued himself, the dragon-monster promised him into another battle. At the second battle, the dragon-monster used its ice power to freeze Matthew. Matthew used his only power, the melting power to melt the ice. And still, Matthew was determined to defeat the horrible dragon-monster. He couldn't use his melting power because that can only be used on liquids.

So he arranged a battle. He said to himself, "you can do this. Just try and you'll get it." He fought and fought. Suddenly, the special box sprang open. The dragon-monster was stunned by the magical power of the special box it let Matthew pass.

Matthew was so anxious and angry with himself because there was nothing left in the special box. Matthew brought the empty box back to the Emperor, and he was so worried that the Emperor would ban him. But when he arrived, he was surprised to see the Emperor very happy. "Thanks Matthew!" said the Emperor. "But I didn't do anything." Matthew exclaimed. "The item brought itself back to me." explained the Emperor. "Don't be scared, Matthew. I am so happy you are safe. You are my most royal messenger." said the Emperor. Matthew was so surprised from the Emperor's words he didn't move. Not even one small step. "Thank you so much, Emperor. I will go to bed." Matthew was walking away when the Emperor stopped him. "Don't go yet, I need to give you this." said the Emperor and gave something sparkling to him. "What's this?" asked Matthew. "It is a magic button that will protect you. He stuck it on Matthew." said the Emperor. "Thank you, may I go yet?" asked Matthew. "Yes you may, but be careful." answered the Emperor. "Definitely." answered Matthew as he left. Now Matthew knew what was inside the box as the Emperor answered his question. He trusted the Emperor that it was the truth. After all, he was the Emperor's most valuable messenger.

Letter in the Mountains

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Li, Felicia – 8

It was a dull raining evening in the misty mountains of China. The whole tribe was arguing over a dark cave that mysteriously appeared last week again, except Flora, who is the youngest and most knowledgeable dragon in the tribe. Flora remained quiet because she knew nobody had investigated the cave at all.

Until one day...

It was a normal evening, and Flora was walking home from school. Suddenly, she slipped and fell over something outside a cave. She got up and looked down. To her astonishment, she found a letter, which wasn't in the dragon language!

Since she had done a project on humans at school, Flora immediately recognized the language. It was the human language! The letter was about the humans using the dragon caves as a garbage dump!

The next day, Flora decided to go back to the cave for more clues. Inside the cave, she found some strange tools in a big pile of trash. Now she was sure that the map she saw was a plan of the humans to take over the mountains somehow.

She decided to take action. She was determined to win freedom back for the entire village. Nothing can stop her.

Upon arriving home, she had a plan in her mind, which was writing a letter to the humans about how to reduce waste and the Five R's (Reduce, Reuse, Rot, Recycle and Refuse)

The next day, Flora carried out her plan secretly, while her family was sleeping...

She grabbed some paper and pencils, heading out into the daylight, when the humans were outside and not around this area.

She found a table where the old dragons played games on and wrote a letter to the humans:

Dear Humans who are polluting the Dragon Land,

You may be aware that you guys have taken over half of the Dragon Land and made this area a garbage dump, and here are some tips for you to stop wasting your things and reducing the amount of plastic you make every day. Use the Five Rs to help!

"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rott and Refuse".

I believe that if you guys would listen to me, the land would become a much happier and peaceful world.

Thank you,

Anonymous

Flora picked up the letter and slipped it into the pile of waste and headed back to her cave before her family found out that she hadn't been home the night before...

The next day when she went to the cave, surprisingly, there was not a single waste but only a scroll of paper lying on the ground.

Flora eagerly untied the piece of paper and read the letter softly to herself :
Dear Anonymous,

Thank you so much for the tips, we believe they'll be useful!

With the Five R's, we would be able to save more space for our offsprings.

Lastly, we are sorry for disturbing your tribe.

Humans

With the letter in hand, Flora grinned and headed back to her cave like nothing had happened.

Meeting a Hermit

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Li, Henry – 8

Henry and his friend, Winston, were both fond of exploring nature. They needed some foliage samples because they were doing a project on the preservation of the ancient foliage. Therefore, they decided to explore Huangshan. They carefully carried all the required equipment and put on their hiking gears. They made sure not to forget any equipment and checked the weather for safety. They were ready for their adventure but something unexpected happened.

When Henry and Winston arrived at Huangshan by train, they saw lots of unique leaves with various shapes, colours and sizes on different trees and plants. Henry could not wait to write down the names of the leaves in his notebook for his project. He put the leaves carefully into sample bags and was excited to have collected a lot of samples.

Suddenly, Henry and Winston heard animals howling and some stepping sounds made by a strong body crushing on the fallen foliage on the ground. They could feel a chill running down the spine. A creature appeared right in front of them. It was tall and muscular. It had waist length hair; his face was full of beard, with big eyes, a big mouth and thick lips. It was holding a club. It was indeed the friendly hermit that Henry and Winston met last year. They were stunned that he had grown up so much.

The hermit was overjoyed to meet Henry and Winston again. He toured them around for collecting more samples for their ancient foliage project. Henry and Winston saw the amazing landscape in awe. The hermit led them to explore in his cave. It was his home. There were a stone table and some stone chairs. The hermit was trying to warm up the cave with a fire. It was a magnificent scenery in front of them. They had a great time together chatting and drinking honey collected by the hermit.

The hermit said sadly, 'The nature is so beautiful. However, some people are destroying the forest. They fell century old trees for furniture. The number of trees has dropped drastically. This is a major reason for the world's climate change.'

Henry and Winston had an idea. They took out their smartphones and posted a message on the social media: 'Irresponsible people are destroying the mountain forests and felling century old trees. Let's stop them from destroying nature!' They urged people to preserve the natural environment and slow down climate change. The message had gone viral. Tens of thousands of people liked their message and spread it all around the world. People also urged their governments to step up surveillance on illegal tree felling and take measures to slow down climate change.

Nature should not be destroyed because it was home to vegetation and wild animals. Henry and Winston were so eager to help the hermit to protect his home. They found it a meaningful trip to preserve ancient foliage and save the century old trees in Huangshan. They promised the hermit that they would continue their effort in environmental preservation.

Cindy and Laura

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Liu, Hayley – 7

From China's magical Mountain there is a little girl who has been lost there she lived in a deep dark cave in the night she tries to find her food but there's no food only leaves to chew one day she has an brilliant idea she will try to have fun with the animals and people who are passing by at night she thought that she will say hi to the people and say what happened and when people agree to bring her somewhere she will be happy maybe but when she saw her first person coming by she jumped and said hi to that person and Tell the person what happened when she finishes talking the person said NO WAY MY HOUSE IS VERY FULL!! The person was very rude and loud then she got another idea maybe she will try to climb down the mountains and try to find her house.. when she almost got down and thinks where is her house she can't think of anything since she had been in the cave for so long she had forgotten where it was the little girl said oh no! This is a disaster! When she saw a person she said hi and the person asked what's your name? The little girl said my name is Lara then the person said why are you here?? Lara said I'm here because I'm lost I used to live in a cave in the China's magical mountain and now I'm here because I think I can find my house by myself but now I think I need to ask if anyone knows me the person said oh why don't you come with me? I have a big house! Lara said sure! If it's not a joke... the person said it's not a joke come on! My name is cindy why don't you come here? It's very close to this place! Lara said okay but I feel worried... Cindy said come on! There's nothing to be worried about right? Lara said I guess so? Cindy said let's go we will have lots of fun in my house! Lara said well okay...where is it I wanna see it! Cindy said okay here it is very close right just one step! Lara said yes at cindys house they had a lot of fun together they played games,eat food, and best of all they had the most perfect day EVER!!

A Promised to Mythical Yellow Mountain

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Liu, Sofia – 7

“Ruby? ARE YOU HERE?” Called Fergus. He was a scientist in Los Angeles. His partner Ruby from Hong Kong dragged him to Yellow Mountain to look for dinosaur bones. They needed them to find living DNA for cloning dinosaurs. “Sorry Fergus, I was stuck in a terrible traffic jam. Would you believe how many people are coming to Yellow Mountain so early! Is Violet here yet?” Asked Ruby. Violet was a local guide. “I’m here! Sorry friends, the cable cars are broken.” Said Violet. Fergus shuddered. “But, the good news is that the bones are at Lotus Peak and I know a shortcut! After the climb, you will be stunned by the beauty of Yellow Mountain.” Said Violet.

When they were climbing, they saw pine trees that grew out of ROCKS! And the clouds above them looked calming. “Wow! These clouds are amazing! Said Fergus. “It’s the sea of clouds - wonder of Yellow Mountain! You are VERY lucky to see these clouds!” Violet said. What did Violet mean? Fergus turned to Ruby. But she was gone! “Ruby! Where are you?” Yelled Fergus. “I’m in a cave! There are dinosaur bones here!” Fergus and Violet followed the voice into a cave. “Look! Our treasure!” Ruby presented proudly. “Now, let’s get out of here.”

Suddenly, the ground shook. “Who is going to take the bones away?” A voice said. A shadow cast on the cave wall. “The god of Yellow Mountain?!” Violet stood there with her mouth hanging wide. “We are here for research! Also, the bones have nothing to do with you!” Ruby interrupted boldly. “WRONG! Sometimes research is not the answer! No cloning dinosaurs!” Said the shadow. “Bu...t, how did you know?” Ruby stuttered. “I can read your mind. Before humans existed, dinosaurs were destructive! Herbivores ate all the plants! Carnivores eat herbivores! It was a mess!” It said. “Now human activity has made it even worse! If you clone dinosaurs, they won’t be able to survive.” The shadow argued. Ruby rolled her eyes. “Go out and look for yourselves.” The shadow said. With that, the three friends were out of the cave.

It was a totally different environment. No *mysterious* clouds, only **thick, grey** smog. No pine trees but lamp posts. But **worst of ALL... TRASH was all over the place!** Fergus recalled Violet’s words. *You are super lucky to see these clouds!* “It’s a trick. This doesn’t look like Yellow Mountain at all!” Ruby smirked. “Well, many parts of Yellow Mountain are already like this.” Said Violet sadly. “I get it! Traffic jam and broken cable cars explained!” Added Fergus. Ruby shrugged. “Maybe we should help save nature! We can study the bones but we won’t actually need to clone the dinosaurs!” Suggested Fergus. At this moment, they found a pile of bones beside them. “Good Luck!” A voice echoed. “Thanks mountain god!” She smiled

What a great journey! Dinosaur bones were found. Promise to the mountain is made.

The Magic Water

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Lui, Reina – 8

Once upon a time there lived a girl named Pearl. She lived with her family and friends.

One morning Pearl sang a song to his family LaLaLaLaLaLaWaWaWaWaWaDaDaDaDa.

Pearl's family clapped and cheered.

Then Pearl took a camera and went to the mountain, she saw some fish patterns in the mountain. She clicked on her camera and took a photo of the tree.

Then she sees a door in the mountain. Pearl tried to go to the door. Finally she got into the door and there were so many fruits and they are magic(she learned in her book).

Each time if you open one fruit you will get magic water. You can say your wish then your wish will come true.

Pearl told her friend Peal all the things Pearl does in the woods. The next day Pearl and Peal went to the magic tree but they saw a guy. The guy knew the magic water and wanted the water to wish all the people in the world hear what he said and do the thing he wanted. The bad guy dispersed Peal and Pearl rust in the magic door. They each get a fruit. Pearl got one banana and Peal got an apple inside and there was the magic water but they did not remember that they should wish that the bad guy could not do the thing that he wanted.

One day, Pearl and Peal go to the mountain again and this time in the fruit is a map. But it was night time and they needed to sleep so they went to sleep. Next day morning, Pearl and Peal looked at the map. They saw there was a button on the map and they pushed the button, the floor appeared some lines. Pearl and Peal followed the lines to a cave and in the cave there was a lion. Pearl and Peal are scared. Peal still had a fruit, so Peal made a wish that the lion could not eat them.

The lion did what Peal told it and Pearl and Peal had a pet lion. The next day they went to the mountain and grabbed a fruit. They looked at the map. They went to a school and found a clock in the drawers, so Pearl and Peal took the clock and ran away.

The next day they went to the mountain but the door is gone. They went to find the bad guy, they kept looking but they could not find the bad guy. So they went back to Pearl's house. The next day they finally find the bad guy and they used the magic fruit to wish him to become good. The next morning the bad guy came and baked cookie for Pearl and Peal. They ate together and they were yummy.

The Magic Of Tears

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Sy, Athens – 8

Boom! Boom! Boom! Fire again! Three bombs flew through the sky. Some houses were broken. People rushed everywhere. Dead bodies lay on red grass. A tree burst into flames. Billy knew he must have her now--- NOW.

Billy had an important mission of keeping the world peaceful. Billy's father, grandfather were also the Peacekeepers. Billy's grandfather had once stopped a war by dropping phoenix's tear into the Greedy fire.

Days passed; nights fell but Billy still had not seen a phoenix in the Yellow Mountains.

His father passed on the Phoenix Watch to him which helped to locate phoenix. He checked all the clues; however, it seemed she had vanished.

Billy approached another peak of the Mountains according to a hint. He suddenly tripped over a branch and then fell into a dark hole. He quickly helped himself up as he heard the squawking and growling.

Billy saw a dim golden shadow, jumping up and down, flapping his wings. Oh Yes! She was the bird he longed for...the Phoenix. However, he could not stay satisfied for very long. He realized that she was attacked by a gigantic beast!

The beast stretched its sharp claws to the Phoenix. The Phoenix screamed, the Phoenix cried, the Phoenix yelled for help. Billy ran to the beast and bumped into him, hardly. The beast roared and tried to bite Billy.

Billy shone his torch to the beast's eyes in the nick of time. The beast dodged and hit its head. It fainted.

Billy helped the phoenix up and carried her back to the bush speedily. He noticed a deep wound in her wing, with golden glitter flowing out.

"Are you OK?" Billy cared anxiously. He quickly took out some bandages and wrapped around her wing. Knowing the phoenix would soon die.

"You must be Billy, you have your grandfather's eyes," Phoenix said with a feeble voice.

"I'm sorry, I was late."

"I'm sorry that I couldn't help this time. I'm too weak," said the Phoenix, gasping for breath, "Billy, our selfless action is the key of magic. The characters of babies are just like us. They are innocent, pure and kind. Collect 100 babies' tears instead. And remember to keep your heart away from greed and violence..." the Phoenix explained with his last breath.

Tears rolled down Billy's cheeks as he buried phoenix. Then he was off to the Yellow Mountains to collect baby tears.

Billy worked hard on collecting tears. He also realised that every baby was innocent, simple, peaceful and honest. Even an apple could make them laugh! Billy encouraged people to keep an innocent, pure, and thankful heart.

Soon 100 babies' tears were collected. Billy rushed to the Greedy fire, and poured the tears into it. One drop, the fire stopped growing, two drops the fire shrank.

Everyone froze, bombs stopped. A wonder filled their faces, they dropped their weapons. Everyone's heart was pure and kind by now. The war ended. But who knows when another might begin?

Are You Willing To Do Everything?

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Sy, Libertas – 7

Ten apple trees have been broken down. A hundred tomatoes have been smashed. Loads of potatoes have been blown away. All the crops have been ruined.

“It’s the third time the storm came in this month. All the hard work has gone! My dad and mum bent down in the farm all the time. Who made all these storms? I would give up everything in order to earn a peaceful weather.” Louisa wailed, kicking the destroyed crops.

An unripe potato rolled to an old man, he was sitting on a broken log, looking at the Yellow Mountain.

“I’m sorry.” Louisa apologized and told the man about the storm.

“Go to the Yellow Mountain if you really want to cease the storm!” grumbled the wise man.

At dinner, Louisa didn’t eat much. She stared at her mother’s kind face. She gazed at her father’s warm smile. She captured this beautiful moment by her eyes. She set off without hesitation at mid-night.

The mountain was very steep. Louisa walked, rested, and then climbed again. A week passed, she visited a few peaks. She found many trees had been chopped down and animals lost their homes.

After walking loads of steps, Louisa arrived at another peak that was full of pine trees. Suddenly, a shadow fell over her.

“Aah!” Louisa cried. She had never seen such an animal. It seemed like an elephant-sized porcupine. Its quills looked like pine tree leaves.

The creature fell down while he turned to the source of sound.

BOOM! The mountain was rattling and shaking. The wind howled. A typhoon raged on. Louisa grasped the grass tightly. She noticed the creature was BLIND.

After the wind stopped, the creature growled “What are you doing here?”

“Did... the storm come...when you...you fell down?” Louisa stuttered.

“Yup! It’s me, Protreepine made the storm. I cried when people cut trees down. I cried too much so I lost my eyesight gradually.”

“I’m sorry! It’s our selfishness! All the farmers love nature! However, we are all desperate! Our crops didn’t grow...they are our life. I would do everything to help.” Louisa said helplessly.

“You are willing to do EVERYTHING?”

“Positively!”

“You give me your TWO EYES. Once my eyesight is recovered, I won’t fall down so easily!” Protreepine spoke softly, stretched his fingers closed to Louisa’s eyes.

Louisa stepped backward and covered her opened mouth. She could not believe what she heard!

“Aha-ha...That’s what I said. Humans are selfish! No one care the environment nor me!” There was deadly silence...

“I do!” Louisa said calmly. “Please take my eyes and stop the storm.” She closed her eyes. All in her mind was the beautiful moment of her family she snapped when she left home.

Protreepine knew she was sincere and determined.

He reached his hands out and then a light flashed... All could Louisa see was ...BLACK!

Now Louisa was blind, but everyone could enjoy the peaceful weather. Louisa contributed the rest of her life to stop people.

The Thieving Dragon

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Tsao, Joshua – 8

A villager ran in saying that crops were destroyed by monsters again, and everyone started discussing how to build a new barrier to keep out the monsters. One of them said that they should build a new magical barrier, but another said they didn't have enough money to do so. Finally, one of them said: "Why don't we send Jack to retrieve the gold from the monastery in the Yellow Mountain?" Everyone roared their approval.

Jack immediately rode the fastest magic horse towards the Yellow Mountains, "Giddyap!" shouted Jack, and he was off! After an hour ride, he was at the foot of the Yellow Mountains. The mountains were stunningly beautiful, with peaks stabbing into the clouds, and covered in a sheet of snow. He spurred his steed, the magic horse extended his wings and flew like a cork shot out of a bottle.

When he arrived at the monastery, the doors were locked so Jack slammed his shield to open the door. He drew his cutlass and pulled out his shield from his back as he walked cautiously into the abyss. He walked along the path, and as he delved deeper into the monastery he saw many passages leading to other rooms. Jack knew just the path to take, as he recalls the wizard's advice "Stay on the slimy path".

Eventually, he came to a cave where the dragon lived. The lonely young dragon was sleeping on a pile of treasure. Jack walked slowly and quietly to the back of the cave to try to collect some gold, as he was walking he accidentally stepped on a bone of the dragon's past meal, the cracking sound woke the dragon up. The dragon turned around, looked around to see an intruder and roared with displeasure. Jack took a deep breath, raised his blade, and charged with all his courage. It was the stupidest thing he ever did, he slashed and whaled on the dragon like a hurricane with a spinning blade. The dragon raised a claw, and his weapon was knocked out of his hand and skittered away on the floor. He raised his shield to deflect the dragon's claw, he jumped up and slammed his shield on the dragon's head and knocked it unconscious.

Jack walked further into the cave, and saw tombstones. Why? In all the treasure, he saw a glowing stone. It had the power to resurrect the dead. Oh, the dragon took the treasure because it wanted to resurrect its dead family! The dragon was not evil, everyone had misjudged this beast as evil and greedy! Jack decided that he should end this once and for all. He whispered the magic words and a blast of green light flew from the tip of his weapon, and the dead dragons came alive, then flapped their wings and flew away. Jack felt relieved that he did not judge the dragon by first glance, and climbed out of the monastery with enough gold and headed back to the village.

Trees, Watch out for that Dragon!

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Wang, Benjamin – 7

Once upon a time, there was a village near the Yellow Mountains. Everyone there was fat. One day they heard something loud, everyone turned around. They heard rumbling and more rumbling and more rumbling!

“Help! Help!”, shouted the villagers repeatedly as they heard their own echo.

But no one heard them and the rumbling noise gradually faded. Everything went back to silent!

“I’m hungry!” One man said. Everyone else felt hungry too. “Let’s have a feast!” Suddenly, plenty of food appeared on the table!

“I made them!” a voice said. Everyone turned around shocked. It was a green unicorn!

“My name is Umina, the protector of the Yellow Mountains. If I give you all that food, will you do something for me? Could You help me to fight an evil dragon? The dragon burned the oldest pine tree in the Yellow Mountains, and I am afraid that he will destroy the precious stones on the top of the Yellow Mountains too.”

“Yes!” Agreed the villagers! They ate all the food in a flash.

Then they started hiking up to the Yellow Mountains. On the way, they saw birds, trees, rivers, animals and a ...steep valley. Oh no!!! We will never cross that steep valley! But we will never give up! Umina and the villagers brainstormed for one hour, until...Umina said, “I can carry you all over the steep valley!

“Great!” Agreed the villagers.

Umina carried the villagers one by one with sweat all over her face. Then they kept on walking until they reached the dragon’s cave. The dragon was sleeping in his cave with super noisy snoring like a meteor crashed into the earth. The dragon looked like a super fat hippopotamus and weighed 9785 pounds. He had 101 sharp pointy teeth and his round oily tummy was 689cm wide.

The villagers almost shouted out when they saw the giant dragon! But they held their breath successfully. The villagers tipped toe to the dragon with daggers on their hands. “321..... Charge!” whispered Umina. Two villagers swiped the dragon’s eyes. They caused so much pain that the dragon cried out loudly! Could you make that stop!?

“Why are you swiping my eyes?” asked the dragon

“Because you bur...”, Said Umina,

“Oh, you are right, how did you know that?” said the dragon.

“I saw you were breathing fire on the oldest pine tree when I was flying around in the woods, my daily routine work!”, replied Umina.

“But I just achood and fired the tree accidentally, I didn’t do it intentionally.” said the dragon innocently.

“Sorry! We should ask you why you burned the tree before we swiped your eyes.” apologies Umina and the villagers to the dragon.

The dragon promised that he would keep distance from the precious sightseeing spots!

Everything came back to normal again, guess what happened? The dragon and the villagers became friends, in common, they all enjoyed eating so much! Umina and the villagers learn to ask before they take action.

Poopy's Adventures

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Wong, Timothy – 8

“Ring!” rang the alarm clock. I rolled down the stairs. “Yeah! I’m gonna go outside to the Misty Mountains!” he cried. “You better be early or you’ll miss out! The deadline for you to get ready is by 3:00!” my mother called. Then David walked down the stairs. He wasn’t nearly as excited as me, because he was one of the stay – at – one – playing – video – games – and – will – never – stop kind of person.

He was worried of dangers that he would face, and I read his mind. “Adventures won’t be fun without danger, ere?” “Whatever.” was the reply.

“@os?!+=?!” I screamed. “It’s 2:38! We better get ready!” We put in our candy and chocolates in the bag. “What about water?” David reminded me. “Oh right, water!”

Then, we set off. Suddenly, we were pulled in the car, and our parents drove off.

By the time the car had no gas, Mom and Dad attempted to carry the car. Finally, they came to the refill station, and the employee had a nervous look on his face. “What about the oil, bub?” asked Mom and Dad. “Well, I put nuclear weapons in it and—”

“And what?” sighed Dad. “Okay, I admit it!” he sobbed. “There’s a monster in here!” The godzilla came out of the water. “Why can’t you sell fuel, even if the monster is here?” “He ate the fuel!” “Now that’s more understandable. Run!” They all screamed as the monster aimed at a building to break. Then, he broke the refill station. Mom, Dad and David climbed on the wood that was beside them, as the acid sprayed from its mouth, but I couldn’t get it. “Help me!” I tried to scream, but no one heard me. But David saw the waving hands, and got me out.

Then we hanged onto the logs, jumping over the log. I saw a foggy place, with trees that basically looked like wigs caught in a branch. “Hey, Poopy!” David cried out suddenly. “This is the same material that Mom used as a blender!” “Okay, so what?” I asked in confusion. “It’s gonna cut his limbs and stuff we use a big...” Then, I knew what he was talking about. Using the material that we found, we TRIED to make the Big blender, and After weeks of hard work, we made it. The Mega-Blender of hm... what should I call it? Then, I saw an octopus monster in the water. Me, mom, and David (with Dad’s help) tempted the octopus monster out of the water, and sliced it at him, and he let out a screech. To my horror, he was dead. We got home not long after that, and sold it’s acid. On the outside, I looked like a hero that would never go on an adventure again. But on the inside, I love adventures. I will go to the Misty Mountains again.

NOT IN THE BOOK:

P.S. I’ve decided. It’s called the Mega Blender of Hmm.

The Mystery Of Crystal Ball

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Wu, Chloe – 7

A girl named Addy lived with her parents and a little sister. She loved reading mystery stories, especially about Ancient China. One day, she found a crystal ball under her seat in the car. The crystal ball was clear and transparent, and as big as a pomelo. “Where was it from and who does it belong to?” Addy thought. While she was inspecting the crystal ball closely, she was getting dizzy.

When Addy opened her eyes, she was lying on soft grasses and surrounded by huge shaped rocks in the fog. Addy heard a peal of strange sounds in the distance. She walked towards the sounds through the fog and found a village. She got in and asked for help but nobody answered. Instead, two guards grabbed Addy from behind and brought her into a yurt.

Inside the yurt, Addy saw an elegant woman with black hair and red dress. The woman walked towards them and spoke to the guards quietly. Then she looked at Addy and sighed “We need a judgement.”

Addy was taken into a huge room with lots of people sitting on red chairs around. After a while, the woman Addy saw before entered the room and said something but Addy could not hear clearly. A maid walked toward Addy and said “Mei wants to see you.” “The women in red dress?” Addy thought.

Addy walked past people who whispered: “She is that girl...She is a thief...” She felt that it spent years to pass all these people, and got on the stage. Mei announced “The girl you see here is the suspect who stole one of our crystal balls.” The room became much noisy, “As a leader of this village, I will give this kid a drink.”

“A drink?” Addy was confused, “Is it poison? But I did not steal your ball.” “It will tell us the truth.” Mei insisted.

Addy licked a bit of the drink and counted one two three in her heart, then drank it in one gulp. Immediately, she spoke out she was not a thief, who she was and where she was from. People were all shocked.

Mei said “I am sorry to be so mean to you. Please forgive me.” “I forgive you...” Addy still felt so sick. “We are the treasury keepers in Mount Huangshan and protect the magical crystal balls which protect our country. Now, we believe that crystal balls have chosen you to be a crystal ball keeper like us. I will give you this pendant and grant you a wish at last.”

Addy heard a voice calling her “Wake up! Addy!” It was her mom. She woke up and felt the things that happened were so real. “Is it just a dream?” Suddenly, she saw a red pendant with a shape of a mountain on her neck and the beautiful crystal ball was still laying on the desk with sparkling flows inside.

The Dinosaurs

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Yau, Max – 8

The Lotus Peak stretched across the clouds. Fang, a knight which lives in Lotus Peak, was off to hunt. He passed through the forests and bridges but then he heard something he NEVER expected to hear.

Growls, stomping, roars. They were coming from the hunting ground. Fang was excited and scared while he ran to the hunting grounds. When he got to the hunting grounds, he saw something VERY unexpected..... DINOSAURS! Suddenly, there were dinos surrounding him and they were getting closer each second.

The knight reached for his bow and shot a Pterodactyl with a flaming arrow.

“Take that!” Fang yelled.

The Pterodactyl shrieked in terror and died in pain. A Tyrannosaurus charged ahead, shooting fireballs! The knight used his shield and the fireball bounced off, missing him.

“You're tough!” Fang muttered.

The knight jumped up and slayed the Tyrannosaurus. The knight jumped onto a rock and shot ten more Tyrannosaurus with his two hand guns.

“Better use a shield, you dummies!” Fang shouted.

But there was just too much, no matter how much he slayed, more came to replace them. He got to high ground and shot the Pterodactyls with his hunter gun. He leapt onto a Pterodactyl and hypnotised it. The Pterodactyl flew away into the sky. The knight looked around to see that the gate to Lotus Peak was open, and dinosaurs were streaming out! “Where are they from?” Fang asked himself.

The Pterodactyl formed a laser wall in front of the gate so Fang closed the gate and flew back to the other dinosaurs. The Pterodactyl shot lasers from the sky while Fang slayed more and more on the ground. Fang then summoned a HUGE black dragon with grey spikes that Fang jumped onto, yelling “feel my pet!” as the dragon zapped the dinosaurs with lightning from its mouth. But more Pterodactyl were flying into the heat of battle. The dragon(Slice) was zapping the Pterodactyl with lightning from its tail. Soon, there was only one especially big Tyrannosaurus and one especially big Pterodactyl.

The dragon zapped the Pterodactyl with lightning from its tail and fire from its mouth. The Pterodactyl shot the Tyrannosaurus with its laser, soon, both the Tyrannosaurus and the Pterodactyl(small) were both dead. Slice soon defeated the Pterodactyl(big). Slice flew toward the gate and followed the trail of dinosaurs to a scientist hut. Fang saw a banner that said “Destroy the hut!”. Slice shot lasers from his tail and mouth. The scientist hut was destroyed in TWO seconds. Slice destroyed the other dinosaurs with his laser in one hour.

The world was once again without dinosaurs.

Max Adventures

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Zeng, Fanhao – 7

At AD1368, Max was born, it was the same day as the start of Ming Dynasty. Max lived in U.S.A. He became famous when he was about 10 years old until about 85 years old. The story starts from when he was 6.....

Long after the birthday he was about 6, but before 6 there was something happy happen it's because his parent wanted him to be smart they gave Max whole world number one teacher, "he is like a little professor", his father and mother whispered secretly. Let's go back when he is 6, he flyed to China, next to Huang Shan (Yellow Mountain), there it is fun, he even get train climbing mountain! "This is a dangerous challenge... CLIMBING HUANGSHAN (YELLOW MOUNTAIN)!!! Opps it's really dangerous because he can't breathe good and ...IT'S HIGHER THAN THE CLOUD!!! You are toooooo LOUD, stop it, it is too dangerous, it is his choice and challenge, mind your business PLEASE. "Opps I'm silly, I talk to myself" Max said. Max said something again, he said, "HA HA HE HE!" "Too noisy", said Max's father and mother together, but Max ignore them and thought "it must be excited, but today is September 5th and the challenge is 29th, OMG!!

But Max didn't mind if he need any extra training, Max said,"I just want the challenge!!" Everyone said together "HIP hooray ! the first people that what the challenge! And the first people want more training! YEAH!

After 24 days....

Max was very excited because it is the CHALLENGE DAY! But ... bad news came, it will rain for two whole days. This is a bad news for Max, surely...so the challenge become 1st of October.

When it is 1st of October....

LING...LING, the alarm clock rings, then Max check the calendar.. "It is the CHALLENGE DAY", shouted Max happily. Then good news came... it will snow, it will be easier to climb and come down, but you need to bring selah and it will be heavy, but Max said "never mind, I don't mind it at all". Max thought, "it's like an elephant climbing up the hill, it must be funny!" He ZOON through the bedroom door and to the main door as fast as a jet flying full speed, ZOOM zoom!

When he was at Huang Shan...

He prepared safety belt and string, he started climbing the mountain, he is climbing the 3rd peak in the 72 peaks. It is higher than the mountain, I think. After 3 days, Max see a button, he p-r-e-s-e-d it carefully, suddenly an ice-made hotel! Max aid "this is marvelous!" Max go in carefully he sees a girl asking "go in, what can I help you? This is a hotel, if you are dold, in" Max was shocked he wiggled his legs because it is freezing here. Max said, "yes-I-want-of course, I am freezing". The girl let him in a nice warm place, it is quite like a house, the girl said, "you are the first people that climb Huang Shan and come here, here is the best room". "Thank you" Max said thankfully

After three days...

"Bye", said Max sadly, the girl told Max the safest place to go down, it.. is... the LIFT! The lift was very fast it is like a roller-coaster lift! Zoom, one hour time it went down to whether he climbed .."I did"" shouted Max happily...

"This is the end of the Adventure"
shouted Max in
the lift
Happily
!! !

The Hunt for the Lost City

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Zhang, Sean – 9

Ding! Ding! DING! It was the end of school. I rushed out of the classroom, threw open the door and ran outside. Now, before you start thinking that I'm the type of person that really hates school, I'm not. My name is Jack Chan and I like school very much. I also happen to be one of the first humans to live in China for 500 years. After what was now known as the Chinese-Russian war of 2061, the Chinese abandoned China and left it in ruins. Then, we came back to fix Beijing, the capital and started living there!

I ran to the pear tree and saw that my friends Ryan and Henry were already there.

Ryan, as usual, was looking at one of his gadgets. Ryan LOVED gadgets, and he has about a million of them!!

"What took you so long?" Henry asked, walking towards me. "We were about to begin without you!"

Ryan cut in, "We were talking about Shanghai." Ryan lowered his voice "People say it's near here. Over the mountain."

"Really!?" I asked, unable to control my excitement, "It really exists?!"

"Yes!" they both replied, "let's go look for it!"

Ryan and Henry both loved adventures, but I'm not that sure. But I said yes anyway.

On the next day, instead of riding the bus to school, I went to the pear tree, knowing that Henry and Ryan would meet me there.

By 8 AM, we were up and going!

A little time after starting, me and Henry were already tired. But Ryan still remained stern.

"No!" Ryan said curtly, "we're not even halfway there! You can -"

Ryan didn't get the chance to finish his argument because right then, the ground beneath us suddenly collapsed! We all tumbled into the darkness of a hidden chamber.

When I finally came to, all I could see was darkness around me. For one brief, terrifying second, I thought that I might have gone blind. Then, I saw a beam of light in the darkness. It was my flashlight! Around me, I could also see my friends groggily coming to as well.

"Where are we?" mumbled Henry.

"I think about 2583.690 meters below the ground!" said Ryan, looking down at his 'ground-meter-tracker'

"You brought that?" Henry said mockingly. He had very low opinions on Ryan's gadgets.

"But I think we could also be under the mountain, in a sink hole of some sort." I said "but this seems very human-like though..." I suddenly spotted a set of railroad tracks. "It's a subway tunnel!" I shouted. I looked at the smudged sign on the ceiling. line 8. People's square, exit. I started up the dirty stairs, my friends following, heading for the ground.

As we emerged, I saw a broken, twisted, tower. I realized it was the Shanghai tower!! We were in Shanghai! We all watched as the sun slowly set behind the buildings. Wind rippling. Branches swing. Beautiful as can be.

The Ghost of the Mountain

Victoria Shanghai Academy, Zhu, Aiden – 7

Blink blink. Tom couldn't sleep. He was worrying about what detention he had. The school that Tom studied in was always putting students in detention for no reason. At last, dawn came and he found his homework lying along with him. He checked the book and it said: Tom must be going alone to Huangshan for the troubles he has caused.

Tom packed his stuff and headed out. It was early in the morning. As he left, there was no person guarding the house. So the house cracked and out came a ghost. The mountain has very sharp peaks, and Tom was thinking what if I have a problem with animals..... The ghost sneaked on and pressed a weird button that seemed to control the whole place. Suddenly a crack appeared under Tom's feet. ahhhhhhhhh he screamed as he fell into the mystery world underground.

As he fell down, the force of the wind inside was so strong that he needed to bend his head to prevent it from blown off. The thing inside the hole was a river, Tom saw a whirlpool in the middle of the river, and grabbed on to a rock, but it was actually an animal camouflaged like a rock. He fell into the whirlpool and hit a rocky surface. Then appeared three men. They told him that they are also adventures and failed, so that's why they're down here too.

Tom asked "I don't get it, are you cast into the mountain by a ghost too". They began to tell a tale. We were adventures climbing the mountain and saw a palace. The king told them to return an ancient ghost skull from the dungeons that were never explored by anyone. The adventures returned the skull for the king to destroy, instead of destroying it, the king betrayed the people's and cause them to fall inside the mountain. The adventures said "we are also desperately finding a way to escape."

Because they are in the mountains, they were called the lowly. Tom put his hand up and said "from now on we are called the upply cuz that's where we were going, up. Still, they needed to make a plan. One of the adventures told him that he could control earth, so we are surrounded by it." Blast your way out here, and when I mean blast, I mean blast it on the ground, when you finish blasting, you would see a line and you could just follow it. It leads to the surface.. so tome blast his way out and Followed the blast.

Finally, Tom blasted his way out. Tom asked "what should we do now? the explorers said "first we need to find the skull, then get to the ghost and destroy the thing that makes the ghost arrive. so they did it. They found the entrance of the ghosts and they were there. The top of the mountain in winter now has a lot of the snow, then, the sun came out and made the snow into slush, and it poured down on top of the ghost, then Tom realised the ghosts fear is water. Huangshan mountain was peaceful again. <<Huangshan and their ghosts.

Dai Huang and the Yellow Mountain

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Long ago, there was a village in China.

One day, something unusual happened. All the villagers were spending family time at home when there was a loud *ROAR!* Every door was flung open. No one could believe his eyes. A magnificent, giant, golden-yellow dragon stood before them. It looked fierce and furious.

“Dragons only appear in stories, not in real life,” all the villagers thought.

The dragon flew to a little girl named Xiao Hong and opened its mouth, showing its huge, sharp teeth. All the villagers closed their eyes because they thought that Xiao Hong would be gobbled up by the dragon.

But then, the dragon stuck out its tongue and licked the little girl!

Xiao Hong patted the dragon’s nose and said, “Good dragon! I will name you ‘Dai Huang’, the Big Yellow Dragon!” Then, Xiao Hong asked her father, “Can I please ride on its back?” “The dragon must be dangerous! Don’t go near it!” Xiao Hong’s father shouted as he quickly pulled her back.

However, it was too late. Xiao Hong had already got on Dai Huang’s back and the two flew away into the distance.

Xiao Hong’s father screamed and cried, asking and begging for help, but none of the villagers knew what to do.

That night, the villagers heard a loud roar! They ran outside and found Xiao Hong and Dai Huang standing in the village.

Xiao Hong’s father quickly rushed to her and hugged her tightly. Xiao Hong hugged her father back and said, “I’m very sorry, but Dai Huang is a good dragon! He came to warn us that our village will be destroyed by a terrible and mighty tornado at midnight!”

All the villagers were shocked and speechless. Some of them ran home and started to pack their things because it was already a quarter to eleven at night.

Xiao Hong shouted, “Don’t worry! Dai Huang found us a new place to live. It is high, high up in the mountains where we will be protected and safe, and he wants to take us there. There’s no time to lose! Everybody, hurry up, pack your things and let’s go!”

Immediately, all the villagers took action and within twelve minutes, they were ready to leave.

“Dai Huang can carry twenty people on one flight. Stand in line and let’s get moving!” Xiao Hong ordered.

Dai Huang worked hard and never took a rest. He kept flying back and forth until he got the final villagers up to the mountains. As soon as he landed, a loud *WHOOSH* was heard and a magnificent tornado tore through the village!

“Thank you for warning us, Xiao Hong! If it wasn’t for you, we would all be dead,” the villagers said.

Xiao Hong blushed. “It was all Dai Huang’s work! Let’s name our beautiful new home ‘Huang Shan’, Yellow Mountain, to always remember Dai Huang’s help.” Everyone cheered and agreed!

From then on, the villagers, Xiao Hong and Dai Huang lived happily together in Huang Shan.

The Legendary "Goddess Stone"

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Justin, Bevan and Adam were good friends. They heard stories about the legendary “Goddess Stone”, which was made by the Chinese Goddess who created the heaven and earth. No one knew where the “Goddess Stone” was, but people believed it was hidden in the Yellow Mountain in China.

“Let’s go there to find it out!” Bevan suggested. They decided to go on an adventure to the Yellow Mountain together.

The Yellow Mountain got its name because it was believed that there was some heavenly treasure in some of the mountain caves. However, the caves were hard to discover and there could be many traps inside, so nobody had ever found the treasures.

At the Yellow Mountain, Justin, Bevan and Adam were lucky enough to meet an old man living there.

“I can tell you where to find the “Goddess Stone”, but I have to warn you that it’s going to be very dangerous. Some of my friends died in the cave and others gave up,” the old man said.

When they said they were not afraid, the old man gave them an old map with blurry words and weird drawings.

Although the map was difficult to read, the boys finally arrived at the cave where the “Goddess Stone” was. Adam was afraid to go in.

“We’ve come a long way, so let’s do our best this time!” Bevan said.

Just after they went into the cave, the entrance was blocked off by giant rocks falling from outside. Suddenly, some spikes appeared from the two sides and almost hurt them. Luckily, they passed the giant spikes quickly and were not injured.

Then, they saw a big gate and behind it, there were two doors. Only one door was right and the other was a trap. Adam checked out the map the old man gave them twice. The weird drawings on the map helped them to choose the right door.

Inside, they saw a long narrow path and at the end there was a shiny item. It was the “Goddess Stone”!

Suddenly, Justin, Bevan and Adam heard a loud voice.

“Who dares to touch my treasure?”

It was a huge dragon. The dragon was so mad that it breathed fire at them.

They did not have time to take away the “Goddess Stone” and they ran away as fast as they could.

When they reached the entrance of the cave, they were surprised to find out that some of the rocks had been removed so that they could leave the cave.

There, they saw the old man who gave them the map. They quickly blocked off the entrance of the cave with the rocks so that the dragon could not get out of it.

“It’s a pity that we couldn’t get the treasure,” Bevan said.

“No worries. You are all very brave!” said the old man.

They looked at each other and smiled, and then they went on a long journey back home.

China's Magical Mountains

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The wind was howling nonstop, icy snow covered the jade green hills, not one thing was alive. It was white, white, and, white. The wind sang it's mournful song. No Christmas but winter, people tried to do everything to stay alive but it wouldn't work. Dead bodies covered the cotton, it is sorrowful, no movement from people or any animals, everything was gone....

'Tweet, tweet' 'Croak, croak' it is finally spring a new generation has started but no one was happy, knowing they could only live for 10 years.

Years past, until today, no one knows about the magical mountains that once has been here....