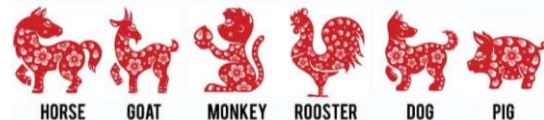




Shang Dynasty of Ancient China



Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are excited for a new term. For the next six weeks, we will be venturing to China to explore its magnificent geography and rich history. We will be exploring a range of stories, from the brilliant *Spilled Water* by Sally Grindley and traditional Chinese tales like *The Great Race* and *Yen-Shen*. Alongside this, we will learn about famous Chinese artists, reflecting on different techniques, and switch to biology in Science to engross ourselves in the animal kingdom. We will be celebrating Chinese New Year with a special off-timetable day, so keep your eyes peeled for more information on this soon...

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that their reading record is signed and dated. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Friday.
Spellings	Spelling tests are every Friday, and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern they have learnt about that week. New spellings will be sent out every Monday.
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Monday and will be expected to have been completed by the Friday of that week. Maths homework for Year 5 will be set on a sheet photocopied for them. Year 6 Maths homework is set in their CGP Arithmetic books.
Times Tables	Each child has a Times Table Rockstars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week at home.
Grammar	Grammar homework will be sent home on a Monday and your child will have two weeks to complete this, due in on the Friday.

Helping to enrich our topics

It is always great to have items or visitors that support our topic, so if anyone has any experience or items that may help us with any of this term's theme it would enhance the children's learning.

Useful Websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z39j2hv>

[https://school-](https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_two/ks2_history/world_history/the_shang_dynasty/the_shang_dynasty.html)

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/geography-a-child-led-introduction-to-the-chinese-city-of-shanghai/zdrtvk7>

Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term?

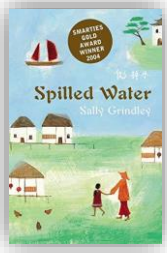
- How were the Chinese Zodiac animals chosen?
- What are the famous landmarks of China?
- Who are the significant figures in Chinese history?

Reminders

Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water, ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat to school. Sycamore Class have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday (please send your child in wearing their PE clothes, in line with school policy).

As always, many thanks for your continued support.

Mr Cline, Miss Webb and Mrs Taylor



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<p>Literacy</p>	<p>Non-chronological writing based on 'The Great Race'</p>	<p>Yen Shen – Chinese Cinderella Story Telling</p>	<p>Travel Agent writing</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>Decimals and Percentages Algebra</p>		
<p>DT/Art</p>	<p>Famous Chinese Artists</p>		
<p>History/Geography</p>	<p>History and Geography of China</p>		
<p>Computing</p>	<p>Online Safety and Text Adventures</p>		
<p>RE</p>	<p>What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?</p>		
<p>P.E.</p>	<p>Gymnastics</p>		
<p>Music</p>	<p>Pentatonic Scales & Own Composition</p>		
<p>Science</p>	<p>Animals including humans</p>		
<p>French</p>	<p>Animals and routines</p>		