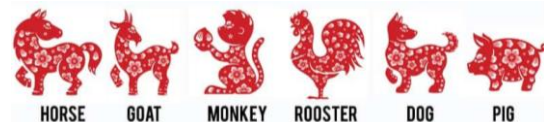




Shang Dynasty of Ancient China



Dear Parents,

We hope you 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 we will 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 Monday .
Spellings	Spelling tests are every Thursday , and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern they have learnt about that week. New spellings will be sent out every Thursday.
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Monday and will be expected to have been completed by the following Monday. Maths homework for Year 5 will be set using weekly 10-minute Arithmetic CPG test books. Year 6 Maths homework will be set in their CGP Arithmetic books. The children will be given a sheet outlining which pages they should complete in their CPG book for that week.
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 one week to complete this, due in on the following Monday (the same as their Maths homework). The homework will be based on the grammar they will be learning within their literacy lessons. The children will be given a sheet outlining the pages they need to complete from their CPG workbook to help with our in-class assessments, please indicate when you have helped your child.
To help prepare the children for secondary school, in Year 5 and 6, all homework is expected to be completed and handed in on time. The children will complete any missing homework in school time. If your child needs further support with homework, then Miss Williams and Mr Morris will be available during lunchtime on Fridays to support with any specific questions needed.	

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 the work above that we could hear about or borrow, we would love to see and hear about them.

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. PE is on a **Monday and Thursday** for all children in Owls class. Please send your child in wearing their PE clothes, in line with school policy.

Forest school date for this term, morning of **Wednesday 25th January 2023**

Useful Websites:

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

https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_two/ks2_history/world_history/the_shang_dynasty/the_shang_dynasty.html

<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?

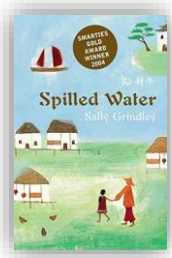
How were the Chinese Zodiac animals chosen?

What are the famous landmarks of China?

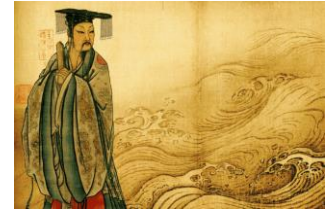
Who are the significant figures in Chinese history?

We are also welcoming Mrs Robinson to our class from January, she will be the class teaching assistant in the mornings. Mr Morris is also returning to complete his teaching placement.

As always, many thanks for your continued support,



Shang Dynasty of Ancient China



<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>FRACTIONS DECIMALS PERCENTAGES</p>	<p>Decimals, percentages and 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>Story Plan for Red Riding Hood</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>Dance</p>	
<p>Music</p>		<p>Pentatonic Scales & own composition</p>	
<p>Science</p>	<p>Animals including humans</p>		<p>Animals Including Humans</p>
<p>French</p>		<p>Animals and routines</p>	