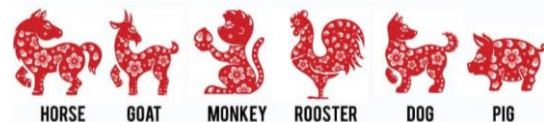




Shang Dynasty

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.

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| Reading | Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that their reading record is signed and dated. Mrs T will be counting Reading Minutes on a Thursday and these must be signed by an adult to be counted. Year 6 should be reading at least 45 minutes per week and Year 5 for 30 minutes. |
| Spellings | Spelling tests are every Monday and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern they have learnt about that week. Children should be practising their spellings at least twice a week and we have included a 'Spelling Menu' in their homework books with ideas on different ways to do this. We will send home the term's spellings so you have these to refer to. All spelling tests will be in the back of their homework books to allow you to support children with continued practise of any spellings they get incorrect on a test. |
| Maths | Maths homework will be set on a Monday and children will have a week to complete this. Maths homework will be set on 'MyMaths'. If your child finds the task tricky, there is a revision lesson that they can use first on 'MyMaths'. |
| 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 set fortnightly on a Monday. The page numbers will be sent home. If your child has completed the pages set, then let us know and we can set further tasks to complete to further revise the topics covered. |
| 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. | |

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 on Monday for all children. Please ensure your child has their PE kit, in line with school policy, in school every day.

As always, many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Bastin, Mrs Hill & Mrs T

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

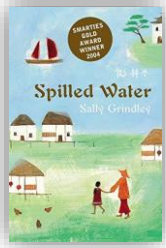
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/geography-a-child-led-introduction-to-the-chinese-city-of-shanghai/zdrtvk7>

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?



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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>Story Plan for Red Riding Hood</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>Animals Including Humans</p> | | |
| <p>French</p>  | <p>Animals and routines</p>  | |  |