

# Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Summer 1 - 2023

Our theme for Summer Term 1 is:

## Ancient China

Our main foci are:

- To identify what the Shang Dynasty was and the impact it had on Ancient China.
- To discover the origins of beliefs in Chinese culture.

Our theme will last for:  
6 weeks



English:

Ancient China had so many wonderful facts and we will be using a range of non-fiction books to discover them! We find out all about Lady Fu Hao, the brave woman who was the military General. We will also be learning about the Shang Dynasty and using our findings to write our own persuasive adverts for the famous emperor Wu Ding. During this topic, we will also be writing a letter recounting the Zodiac Story using the point of view of the cat.



Mathematics

The Shang Dynasty created a number system many years ago. In Mathematics, the children will be looking at this number system and using it to support multiplication and division. Also during the half term, we will be focusing on these areas of Maths:

- Exploring Change: telling the time from an analogue clock and being able to recognise Roman Numerals. We will also learn about digital time, the 24 hour clock and time facts such as days in a year and the days in each month,
- Multiplication and division: learning how to divide using the bar model as well as multiplying using a column method. We will also learn about scale and correspondence problems.
- Measure: understanding length, mass and capacity as well as perimeter around shapes. We will also work with different units of measure and begin to understand how to convert them.



Personal, Health, Social and Community Education

As part of our 'No Outsiders' scheme of work, this half term we will be focusing on the book: The Hueys and the New Jumper by Oliver Jeffers.

Behaviour and Safety

This half term our focus will be *Respect*. Our British value we will be focusing on is tolerance of others.

French

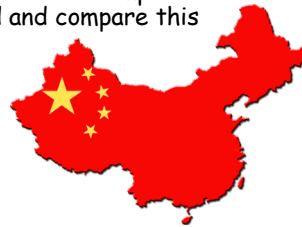
Bonjour! This half-term, we will be learning about the story of Little Red Riding Hood in French. We will learn the names of different body parts to help us retell the story in French.

History

During this topic, we are going to be discovering many facts about the Shang Dynasty. We will find out about the beliefs of the people living in Ancient China; find out about their culture and how it differs from our own and finally we will think about how the Shang Dynasty has affected modern China.

Geography

We will be using Google Earth to discover the importance of where the Shang Dynasty settled and compare this to some other Ancient Civilisations. Were many of them based around rivers? How did this impact on the way they lived their lives?



Music

The pupils will learn the Dragon Song including the lyrics and how to play it on the glockenspiel. Children will discuss the meaning of the words and practise singing using different pitches and volumes.

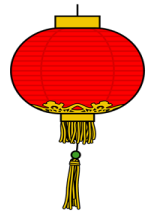
Art and Design Technology

During this topic, we will be studying bronze and jade sculptures and how sculptures can be made by casting or carving. We will have a go at carving and how these practises were used to create art in Ancient China.

Religious Education

During our R.E. lessons, we will be focusing on Christianity and looking at:

- Christianity in Britain today
- Pilgrimage
- Holy Relics
- The importance of songs



Science

Did you know that both fireworks and shadow puppets originated in Ancient China? We will be finding out about light and shadow this half-term and we will learn about the dangers of the sun, the names of different light sources, reflection and how we can make shadows longer or shorter.

P.E.

In physical education lessons, we will learn how to handle clubs and balls in Tri-Golf. We will work on our accuracy, putting and how to control distance.

Children must bring their P.E. kit in every Monday. Earrings must be taken out for the lesson and appropriate footwear must be worn such as plimsolls.

Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read 10-15 minutes everyday. We encourage Year 3 children to gain some independence so we do encourage your child to write in their Reading Journal.

Our homework for this half term is 'Ancient China' and we will be holding our homework showcase for the children on Friday 26th May.

Dates for your diary

- Week commencing 17th April—First Aid week
- Monday 24th April—R.E. day
- Monday 1st April—Bank holiday (school closed)
- Week commencing Monday 1st April—Teacher appreciation week
- Monday 8th April—Bank holiday (school closed)
- Week commencing 15th April—Orienteering week
- Thursday 25th May—National Sing-out Day
- Friday 26th May—Ancient China homework showcase due.

