

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Spring 2 - 2025

Our theme for Spring Term 2 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:
5 weeks



English:

Ancient China had so many wonderful facts and we will be using a range of non-fiction books to discover them! We will find out all about Lady Fu Hao, a brave woman who was a military General. We will also be learning about the Shang Dynasty and using our findings to write our own newspapers about the Zodiac Story. During this topic, we will also be writing a setting description of the Jinshanling section of the Great Wall of China, in Hebei Province.



Mathematics

The Shang Dynasty created a number system many years ago. In Mathematics, we will be:

- Using practical methods to work out division questions.
- Recalling multiplication and division facts
- Investigating statistics and bar graphs.

It is vital that your child knows their times tables, specifically their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Knowing these will really help when it comes to solving problems related to multiplication and division.

To further support your child at home with Mathematics, you can log in to Times Tables Rockstars and have a go at mastering different times tables. There is also weekly homework set on Seesaw to support the Mathematics topics in school.



Personal, Health, Social and Community Education

As part of our 'No Outsiders in our School' scheme of work, this half term we will be focusing on the book: "The Truth About Old People" by Ellena Ellis where we will learn about stereotypes.

Behaviour and Safety

For behaviour and safety, the children will be learning all about Clever Never Goes. This campaign teaches the children how to be safe in different situations.



French

Bonjour! This half-term, we will be learning all about musical instruments.

P.E.

In physical education lessons, we will learning dance! The children will be using their bodies to create interpretive dance routines.

Children must bring their P.E. kit in every Friday. Earrings must be taken out for the lesson and appropriate footwear must be worn such as plimsolls. As the weather brightens up, please bring both indoor and outdoor kits.

History

During this topic, we are going to be discovering who, when and where the Shang Dynasty were. 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.



Science

Calling all scientists! This term we will be learning how to keep our bodies healthy and why a balanced diet is important.

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 sculpture and how sculptures can be made by casting or carving. We will have a go at carving and try to understand how these practises were used to create art in Ancient China.



Religious Education

During our R.E. lessons this half-term, we will be exploring the beliefs of Sikhism and we will be focusing on:

- Guru Granth Sahib
- Places of worship
- Food for all
- Festivals



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 2nd February.

Dates for your diary

- w/c 24th Feb—Aspirations Weeks
- Thurs 6th March—World Book Day
- Mon 10th & Thurs 13th March—Y3 Film Workshop Days
- w/c 17th March—British Science Week
- Friday 21st March—Red Nose Day

