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Dear Parents,

This term our topic is the Shang Dynasty and the class will find out about the life and times of people in Bronze Age China. It is a period steeped in myths and legends, as well as being a time of great invention. Not only will be looking at China from a historical viewpoint but also take a closer look at it's the physical geography of the land and its wildlife.

English

In writing this term, we will look at a Chinese creation myth and explore a variety of Chinese myths. The class will be writing non-chronological reports and explanation texts.

During guided reading, the children will experience a range of texts and practise answering questions to develop various skills such as understanding characters' thoughts, feelings and actions, techniques used to create atmosphere and tension as well as gathering information and facts from non-fiction texts. The children will continue on their own reading programme with the intention of completing a reading award. They should be encouraged to read a variety of genres and authors, recording in a selection of ways their responses to the books. If possible, we would also encourage them to read aloud to an adult in order to practise fluency and expression (prosody), and to give them an opportunity to discuss the books they have read. On Wednesdays, we will continue with a speaking and listening focus with a new series of Let's Presents.

Maths

We will be covering:

Place value: identify the value of digits to 3 decimal places, multiply and divide with decimals and solve problems.

Percentages: recall and use equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages, calculate percentages of amounts and solve problems.



Algebra: use simple formulae, express number problems algebraically and find pairs of numbers that solves two unknowns.

Measurement: converting between imperial and metric units in length, mass and volume.

Measure: perimeter, area and volume. Use formulae to find area and volume of shapes.

Geometry: Position and Direction. Translations and reflections on 4 quadrant grids.

Ratio: solve problems involving relative size of two quantities. Solve problems of similar shapes using scale factors. Solve ratio and proportion problems.

In all contexts, children will become fluent, apply their understanding in reasoning and problem solving.

Science

We have three areas in science to cover this term: *Evolution and Inheritance* - to recognise that things have changed over time and that fossils provide information, *Light* - to recognise how light travels and how this affects the type of shadow created and *Animals, Including Humans* - to identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe their role, to recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function and to describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

Other Subjects:

Computing - Following a program devised by Teach Computing, we shall be looking at computing systems and networks and creating media.

History & Geography - The class will be looking at the Shang Dynasty and find out what life was like under these Bronze Age rulers. Linked to China the class will be taking a closer look at the key aspects of types of settlement and land which includes mountains, climate zones, biomes, vegetation belts and rivers and the water cycle.

Art and Design & Technology - Linked to the history unit, the class will be looking at Ancient Chinese artefacts and develop their skills in using clay. They will investigate block and screen printing as well as looking at the stylised brushstrokes and calligraphy of China. The class will design and make an ancient Chinese hunting/war chariot.

Physical Education - *Gymnastics:* matching, mirroring and contrasting theme. Indoor badminton, hockey and netball.

Religious Education - We will be looking at two religions this term, *Sikhism* and *Christianity*.

Music - The children will be listening to a range of music from China as well as learning about the pentatonic scale, composing their own music inspired by this.



Personal, Social and Health Education - We will be following the LCP program PSHE & Citizenship.

Finally, should you have any concerns about your child's learning, please email the office who will then forward it to me.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Marsland

