

# Dynamic Dynasties

In Dynamic Dynasties, we will learn about periods of ancient Chinese history. We'll explore a timeline of the first five Chinese dynasties and learn about the legends surrounding the beginning of Chinese civilisation. We will discover the history of the Bronze Age Shang Dynasty and explore evidence found in the ancient city of Yin. We will also study the hierarchy of the Shang Dynasty, and discover who was powerful and who was powerless.

## English

**Writing:** We'll write a wishing story, thinking about how to captivate the reader and structure our writing to create a coherent piece of writing. As a class, we will create a information booklet about the rise and fall of the Shang Dynasty.

**Reading:** We will focus on non-fiction sources to retrieve and record evidence about the dynasties. We will also look at stories from other cultures to discover how the author has tried to capture the imagination of the reader.

**Forest School** – Make sure Forest school kits are in school for Thursday and wellies are in school for daily playtimes.

**Mr Staney's P.E.** – Make sure full P.E. kits are in school every Friday. The children will focus on athletics this half-term.

**Help your child prepare for their project.** Discuss and enjoy some books about China at home. Have a Chinese inspired dinner at home to enjoy its cuisine and culture.

**History** – We will deep dive into a study of early Chinese civilisation, using clues and artefacts to piece together different aspects of life during the Shang Dynasties reign.

## Maths

**Year Five** will carry on with reflection and translation of a shape. They will start to look at volume and capacity, converting between units of measure and between common metric and imperial units.

**Year Four** will focus on plotting co-ordinates to draw a polygon shape. They will begin to translate shapes using co-ordinates. They will also find the perimeter and area of a shape, using different units of measure.

**Art & D.T.** – We will discover techniques of the period such as calligraphy, using silk and pottery. We will look at ancient artefacts of the time to experiment and create using these different skills.

**Science** – In Science, Mr Lawson will teach the children about electricity. They will design circuits, and then will name and identify its basic parts. They will also discover whether different materials are conductors or insulators.