



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you have enjoyed a lovely Christmas break and are excited to be welcoming 2026 and a new term. Our topic for this half term is the Shang Dynasty and we will be launching with a Chinese lunch and our finale will be a Chinese Dragon parade. Do note the date for the Parent Breakfast (06/2/26) where we will be performing our Chinese Dragon New Year Parade.

**Homework:**

Every day: 20 minutes reading

Mon: TT Rockstars set/du

Fri: Spelling activity set/du

Please can all uniforms be labelled with your child's name to ensure we can do our best to return any lost property.

As always, if you have any concerns or achievements from your child, please do contact us.

Thank you,

Ms Powell and Miss Jackson

## OUR DRIVING QUESTION:

## How have New Year celebrations changed during China's development?

**AS WRITERS** we will be creating Chinese New Year Poems, letters and adventure stories inspired by the text, 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'.

**AS MATHEMATICIANS** we will be developing our multiplication and division skills. We will also learn about the length and perimeter of 2D shapes.

**AS SPORTS STARS** we will be taking over the Sports Hall for gymnastics! Recapping on previous skills learned and embarking on new learning. Incorporating our learning into routines and performances

**AS LINGUISTS** we will be learning more about French culture, language including everyday conversational skills.

**AS COMPUTER SCIENTISTS** we will be using iPads in the creator space to create animations and adding multimedia.

### THINGS TO REMEMBER

**AS CITIZENS** We will be discussing and building our knowledge on keeping ourselves safe. In RE we will find out more about the religion of Hinduism.

**AS SCIENTISTS** we will be exploring different soil types, understanding its purpose and planning, conducting and concluding experiments. The term also concludes with our school-wide Science Week!

- PE is on Wednesday afternoons.
- Please remember to provide warm layers as lessons take place **outside** as long as it is not raining. No earrings or hoodies, please.

**AS ARTISTS** we will study the printed work of Housaki and create our own wave scene using dyed fabric.

**AS HISTORIANS** we will be learning how Bronze was first used by the Shang Dynasty and the rise and fall of its leaders.

# Shang Dynasty



## Termly homework

Please choose at least two of these projects to complete at home and bring into school to display and celebrate.

Create a model of a Chinese dragon.

Discover which Chinese lunar animal you are. What about other members of your family?

Can you eat with chopsticks? Have a go and send a photo!

Find 5 facts about a different emperor during The Shang Dynasty.

Aspire Task 10  
Create an image of your class sea creature.

Create a poster featuring Chinese numbers.

Research the Terracotta Warriors and draw one.

Write a short poem about a Chinese Dragon.

Research a Shang Dynasty era weapon. Draw and write about how it was made?