

DYNAMIC DYNASTIES

In Dynamic Dynasties, your child will learn about periods of ancient Chinese history. They will explore a timeline of the first five Chinese dynasties and learn about the legends surrounding the beginning of Chinese civilisation. They will take a deep dive into the history of the Bronze Age Shang Dynasty and explore evidence found in the ancient city of Yin. They will study oracle bones, learn about religious beliefs and explore bronze artefacts that set the Shang Dynasty apart from other civilisations. They will also study the hierarchy of the Shang Dynasty and discover who was powerful and who was powerless. They will look at warfare and find out how bronze technology gave the Shang Dynasty an advantage over their enemies. They will learn about the life of the great military leader, Fu Hao. The children will then look at significant aspects of life after the Shang Dynasty, including the work of Confucius in the Zhou Dynasty, the short but significant reign of Emperor Qin Shi Huang of the Qin Dynasty and the importance of the Silk Road created by the Han Dynasty.

Later in the term, for Art and DT, you will need to bring in thick card and junk modelling materials so start collecting as soon as possible!

Unit focus	History
English	Fiction – The Red Eye; Non-fiction – Information texts
Maths	Place value; Four Operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division); Fractions
Computing	Strategic Searching Online; 3D Modelling
PE	Swimming
RHE	Me and My Relationships; Valuing Difference
Science	Forces and Mechanisms; Earth and Space
Geography	China (home learning project)
RE	Islam – What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?
	Christianity – What would Jesus do?
	Christmas
Art and Design	Taotie
Design technology	Moving mechanisms
Music	Christmas (second half of term)
French	Hobbies