

The Teachers in Year 5 are: Mrs Sanderson and Mrs Kaur
The Teaching Assistant is: Mrs Preston

Our Topic this Half Term is 'Dynamic Dynasties'

Welcome to year 5, the children have settled back into school really well. This half term, we will be learning about the history of ancient China focusing on the Shang Dynasty. In this topic, we will be exploring the lasting legacy of the first five Chinese Dynasties, some of which can still be seen in the world today. We will start off with an experience day of art and a drama workshop.

In English, we are going to be writing a biography and learning to create diary entries.

We will practise the Y5/6 spelling lists; the spellings will be set via Sumdog each week. If you could work with your child on these we would really appreciate your support. The texts we will be reading will include: Chinese Children's favourite stories by Mingmei Yip and Why did the Shang write on turtles? by Tim Cooke. Chinese Fairy Tales and Legends by Richard Wilhelm and Frederick H Martens.

How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

We will begin the topic with a drama workshop and experience day on Friday 8th September, your children will love to share their findings at home. To explore our new topic further, you could use the internet to conduct some research or visit the library to discover more information about ancient China.

Maths

In Maths, we will begin by learning about: number and place value, column addition/subtraction, factors and prime numbers, multiplication and division and many other things along the way.

You can help your child by practising times tables, (using TT Rockstars). Also practise division facts, e.g. $81 \div 9 = 9$ therefore $9 \times 9 = 81$. Please ensure your child is also using the Sumdog app to complete lots of fun learning activities.

General Reminders:

PE: P.E is on a Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure earrings are taken out for these sessions. Children should come to school in their P.E kit (white top / black bottoms)

I-Pads: Your child must bring their school i-pad each day and ensure it has been charged at home.

Homework: Your child will be given homework on Purple Mash and Sumdog. This will be given weekly on a Friday and should be returned on a Thursday.

Reading: Please read your child's reading book with them at least three times a week. Use MyOn to quiz and read at home too. Prizes for regular reading will be awarded.

Water Bottles: Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school every day. This should contain water only.

Healthy Snack: Children may bring a healthy snack every day for break, fruit or vegetables.

Useful Websites:

www.myon.org.uk

<https://www.purplemash.com/>

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

www.sumdog.com

Summer Dates for your Diary:

Harvest Festival – 2.10.23

Parents' Evening - 17/18.10.23

Last Day of Term – 27.10.23

Back to School – 6.11.23

Any other Information

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions about your child's learning.