



Year 6 Autumn Term 2025

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a great summer break! The children have settled very well into Year 6 and we have lots of excellent opportunities and fun learning ahead! Below is an overview of what we will cover during the term.

Topic: Most of our work this term will revolve around our main topic: *What was the Shang Dynasty?* The children will be studying a fascinating ancient Chinese culture and we have lots of fun lessons ahead. We will learn about who the Shang people were, how they lived and what they contributed to the world.

Maths: In maths, we start off by working on our understanding of place value. We will be reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers, before moving onto working with negative numbers and mastering rounding.

English: Our written work will start off by reading the ancient myth that started Chinese New Year celebrations. We will then be writing recounts imagining we have celebrated the Chinese New Year. We are going to have lots of exciting writing opportunities including creating instructions to make ancient dragon bones and creating our own mythical creatures!

Science: Our class topic is all about Light. Our learning will focus on how light travels, how the human eye sees and how light can be reflected or refracted. In the process, we will be making our own pin-hole cameras, periscopes and even kaleidoscopes!

Geography: Our work will focus on modern day China and we will explore both the human and physical geography of China. We will learn about what the UK trades with China and how China is making money today. We will also learn about Chinese culture and enrich this with a full 'China Day'!

Art/DT: In art, we are going to make Chinese scroll paintings, practice painting Chinese characters, make our own Chinese lanterns and use clay to make ancient Shang oracle bones!

Music: We will be studying music related to the Far East, based on use of the Pentatonic Scale. We will be using tuned instruments and percussion to learn a Chinese Folk Tune, perform a Gamelan instrumental from Indonesia as well as creating our own variations based on these music-types.

Computing: We will be learning all about 3D modelling and using software to practice CAD (Computer Aided Design). Using this, children will be challenged to create their very own Shang Dynasty Cities!

PSHE/R.E - In PSHE, we will focus on our own aspirations for the year ahead and work together to create a class charter of how we think we can achieve our goals. In RE, we will explore the reasons why some people choose to believe or not believe in God.

P.E PE will take place on Wednesday afternoons and will be run by our provider, Premier Education. During Autumn, children will do 'Invasion Games'. Children will not be allowed to come to school in PE kit so please make sure your child has the appropriate kit (white T shirt, dark shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers) in school on those days.

Forest School: On alternate Friday afternoons, the children will be having Forest School sessions with RUKI. These sessions will take place on the following dates this half-term:

- 19/09/25
- 10/10/25
- 07/11/25
- 21/11/25
- 05/12/25

Children will need a full change of appropriate clothes, including boots/wellies, long trousers and long-sleeve top of jumper.

Classroom Organisation: On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursday afternoon the class will be managed by Mr. Cartledge. Wednesday afternoons will also be our class PE slot. Mr. Cartledge already knows the children well and their afternoons with him will be filled with creativity and variety.

Seating Plan in our classroom: We operate a mixed-ability system in our classroom therefore your child will generally sit in the same seat for all subjects and not have different maths and writing tables. Differentiation is still always in place so all children have access to the support and challenge they need as individuals each day across all subjects.

Reading circles and homework tasks: Your child will be given a reading circles book to take home, along with a role to complete work on that will be due the following week. This work should be completed in the green homework books. Whole class lessons focusing on reading skills will take place to help children become more confident with all the reading circles roles. There will also be a piece of maths homework on a topic that the children have been doing in the same week and spelling work on vocabulary that will have been practiced in class. To prepare them for secondary school, children should take responsibility for homework. Maths homework will be related to key objectives for the half term. Children will also get logins for the online SPAG website – these will be written in their school diary and are great practice for the SPAG test they will sit in May.

Reading Records: This year children are being provided with a reading record and should be used to record anything children need to know, such as logins for resources, records of successes and messages between home and school. We ask that if you write a message for us in the record that your child brings the book directly to us, as we will not have time to check every book, every day.

Maths: Please continue to help your child to practise their instant recall of times table and division facts. **This will be vital as it underpins most of the work we will do throughout the year!**

Thank you in advance for your support with reading tasks and homework activities! If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

James Broxup and Brian Cartledge (Year 6)



