



Year: 5

Term: Summer 2



The Shang Dynasty

Theme Overview

The Shang Dynasty was a time of rule under the Shang family in China from around 1600 BCE to 1046 BCE. Their empire reached far into the East China Sea, beyond the Yellow River. The Shang way of living and its traditions reached very far throughout China.

In this mini topic, the children will learn about the first Shang King, Shang at war, the common Shang people and Shang art.

HISTORY

- Origins of the Shang Dynasty including who rules before and how the Shang family came to power.
- Shang gods- The king was believed to have a special connection with the dead royal ancestors, who would then contact the supreme god Shangdi.
- Shang at war- the advantages of their use of bronze and chariots.
- How the common Shang people lived, including farming on the rich, fertile land.

HOOK INTO LEARNING

Painting Cherry Blossom Trees



TOPIC FINALE

Baking Spring Roles

RE

Buddhism: understanding the origins and beliefs of the Buddhist faith

COMPUTING

Databases:

To learn how to search for information in a database.

To create a database around a chosen topic

SCIENCE:

Forces

Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

MATHS

Properties of shape: measuring and calculating missing angles before classifying 2D/3D shapes.

Measuring Volume:
Consolidating understanding of area and learning how to calculate volume

PE Football

ART

Blowing watercolour paint through straws

ENGLISH

Harry Miller's Run: writing a news report about the Great North Run

Way Home: short story: writing a prequel

PSHE **Being My Best:** Includes keeping healthy/Growth Mindset/goal setting/achievement