



Year: 5

Term: Summer 2



Ancient China

Theme Overview

This term, Year 5 is embarking on an exciting journey through Ancient China, spanning from 1600 BCE to 220 CE. We will investigate the unit's key enquiry question: "Was the unification of China a change for the better?". Our exploration begins with the Shang Dynasty, where we will study the birth of Chinese writing on Oracle Bones and the remarkable life of the warrior-priestess, Lady Fu Hao. Students will then examine the Qin Dynasty's unification of the empire, including the construction of the Great Wall and the legendary Terracotta Army. We conclude with the Han Dynasty, focusing on the Silk Road trade routes and the invention of paper. Through activities like clay sculpting and historical debates, pupils will weigh the benefits of a unified empire against its costs.

DT

Celebrating Culture: Making savoury muffins

Create simple programming using *crumble* to create a working product.

PSHE

Keeping Safe: making good choices

MATHS

Negative numbers

Converting measurements: including measurements of distance and time

Working with decimals (inc. multiplying and dividing decimal numbers, decimal sequences, adding and subtracting decimals

Reviewing fractions

PE

Athletics + Rounders

Music:

Using glockenspiels to create an ensemble as a class to perform *Living on a Prayer* by Bon Jovi

HOOK INTO LEARNING

Chinese calligraphy



TOPIC FINALE

Parent presentation:
Friday 18th July
2:30pm – 3:00pm

COMPUTING

Microbits

ENGLISH

Being me by Liz Brownlee, Laura Mucha and Matt Goodfellow: A collection of poems dealing with worries and anxieties and find ways to develop empathy and mindfulness.

Pupils will craft poems to express their own feelings and experiences.

RE: Christianity

History

Simulate Oracle Bones: Use clay and stylus tools to carve early pictographs into "simulated" oracle bones.

Roleplay as Diviners: Practice "reading" cracks on a bone to predict if the Yellow River will flood.

Curate a Tomb Inventory: Select and organize a list of items for Lady Fu Hao's grave based on archaeological findings.

Design Ritual Vessels: Use foil embossing or metallic paints to create "Ding" vessels featuring "Taotie" masks.

Conduct a "Dragons' Den" Pitch: Attempt to "sell" a new iron plow to a Shang farmer by explaining its benefits.

SCIENCE

Plants – Studying the reproduction of plants including; pollination, asexual reproduction and even dissecting plants as part of experiments!

FRENCH

Les coquelicots
(Colour Descriptions)