

Dynamic Dynasties

This term our **topic** is 'Dynamic dynasties'. The class will be learning about the history of ancient China, primarily on the Shang Dynasty, but also exploring the lasting legacy of the first five Chinese dynasties, some of which can still be seen in the world today.

During **English** lessons we will look at different styles of texts and using them to inspire our creative writing. In creative writing sessions we will explore Chinese folktales and using these to create our own narrative poem. We will also be looking at stories from other cultures which will use to help us write our own biographies.



In **Maths** we are looking at place value up to 1 million. We will also be expanding our knowledge in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division where we will learn new strategies to solve these problems.

This term's **Science** topic, children will learn about forces and mechanisms. These will include gravitational forces, frictional forces and mechanisms. The mechanisms that we will be exploring are levers, pulleys and gears.

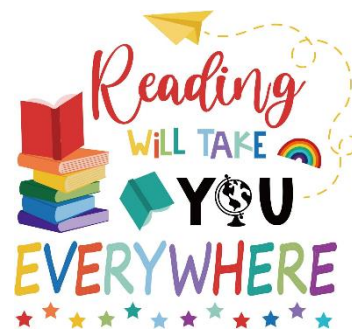
Our RE topic for this term is Understanding Christianity and the unit is 'God' and pupils will identify some different types of biblical texts, using technical terms accurately. They will explain the connections between biblical texts and Christian ideas of God. They will show how Christians put their beliefs into practice in worship. Finally, they will weigh up how biblical ideas and teachings about God as holy and loving might make a difference in the world today, developing insights of their own.

In art children will learn about colours in landscapes. This project teaches children about use different colours, tints and tones to help them create a piece of work.

This term **PE** will take place on Wednesday with the Team Theme. Children will also take part in lesson on Thursday with the class teacher. All children need to wear their school PE kit into school on those days. No earrings are allowed to be worn during PE lessons therefore the children need to be able to take them out themselves, or have to have them taken out in the morning before school.

Children will need to complete homelearning every week this will be handed out every Friday. In the homelearning they will need to complete a math-based activity and an activity relating to one of the big ideas. It will also include their weekly spelling. They will be able to practice their spelling on spelling shed or using the homelearning sheet. I would also like them to practice their times tables whether that is TTRS or practicing using another method.

Lastly a word about reading! Please encourage your child to read each evening, books that they enjoy. It is so important in this age of technology that we invest in their future to become lifelong readers.



Thank you for your support.

Miss Ellis