

Year 6

Essential Knowledge

By the end of this unit children will:

- * Understand the early civilisation of The Shang Dynasty
- * Describe similarities and differences between China and the UK
- * Understand historical terms such as: empire, civilisation, chronology etc
- * Understand the legacy of the Ancient Shang civilisation
- * Use maps, atlases and compass points to locate countries and cities



Sensational Start

Hold a china day. Children to wear something red and take part in:

*Chinese writing

*Tai chi

Chinese Food tasting

*Chinese Art

Extraordinary Extra

Create a whole class Chinese Dragon and perform a Dragon dance.

Fabulous Finish

*Hold a celebration event where parents come to hear the children's songs, dances and taste their food.

**Core Subjects:
Links to theme**

The Shang Dynasty— Theme Content— National Curriculum links

English

Children will write a travel guide for China
Children will write their own narrative set in the Shang Dynasty

Topic Maths Project

Children will plan a trip to China and look at flights, accommodation etc.
Children will create their own Chinese restaurant and look at recipes, budgeting, pricing etc.

Science

*Animals including Humans—circulatory system, diet, exercise and nutrients
*Light— light sources, direction of light and eyes

Foundation Subjects

History

*Ancient civilisations
*Legacy of Shang Dynasty
*Chronology
*Education and schooling in Ancient China

Geography

*Map and Atlas skills to locate China and key cities
*Compare China to UK— physical and human features

RE, PSHE, British Values

Pilgrimage
Relationships
Changes
Tolerance

Music

Children will learn a Chinese Lantern Song and learn about pentatonic scales before composing their own Dragon song.

Art and Design

*Children will use pen and ink to create a cherry blossom branch.
*Children will create clay relief sculptures

Design and Technology

Children will sew their own felt toy.
Children will research Chinese food. They will design, make and evaluate their own healthy spring rolls

French

French Cafe— children will learn vocabulary relating to food and cafes and building conversations

P.E.

The children will study Striking and Fielding, Outdoor Education and Athletics