

The Shang Dynasty

Lions Class Newsletter Term 3

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break.

This term we will be exploring Ancient China, taking a trip back to the Bronze Age, when the Shang Dynasty were in power. We will be investigate questions such as:

- What is the Shang Dynasty and how do we know about it?
- What did it mean to be king of the Shang?
- How did the Shang take control?
- What was life like for the people of Shang?
- How did the Shang Dynasty end?

Writing will be linked to our topic as we create our own historical suspense narratives. We will also explore the genres of diary entries and newspaper reports.

In Maths, our focus this term will be ratio, algebra and decimals. In RE, our learning will focus on Judaism, exploring what it is like to be Jewish in Britain today. In PSHE, this term is linked to health and wellbeing. In Art, our medium this term is lino printing. We will explore slogans and decide what messaged we want to convey through print.

In Science, we will be exploring electricity through investigations such as:

- Does the number of batteries effect the brightness of the bulb?
- What can affect the function of a component in a circuit?

We will also apply our learning in DT, using circuits to create a steady hand game.

Please note: PE days have changed from Monday and Friday to **Wednesday** and **Friday**. This term, PE will focus on Badminton and Dance.

Homework: To support your child in their transition to secondary school, Maths and English revision books will be sent home during the first week back. Children are encouraged to work at their own pace and a suggested schedule will also be sent home.