

Dear Year 6,

I hope you are continuing to stay safe, well and active! It was fantastic to see that some of you had watched our dance video and the response to the video was incredible!

For this week I have included some home learning tasks which continue to develop our Shang dynasty theme. Please feel free to put any work you produce in a folder so that when we return to school, we can display it around the classroom.

Mr McCarthy.

The Shang Dynasty

- Can you remember when the Shang were in power?
- Research the first 10 kings of the Shang dynasty
- What were the oracle bones, and why were they important?
- How do you think the historians of 200BC knew about the kings of a dynasty that was in power over a thousand years before?
- Why is information about the Shang dynasty sometimes unreliable?
- Which do you think are more reliable – the history books or the oracle bones? Why?

English

Research the Shang's social hierarchical structure:

- Ruling family
- Government officials
- Priests and warriors
- Craftsmen
- Merchants
- Peasant farmers
- Slaves

Can you pick out key facts to describe what life was like for different people?

Write (in role as a person who lived during the Shang dynasty) a letter to a friend about what it is like to live under Shang rule.

Maths – Fractions

Revisit the following strands:

- Using common factors to simplify fractions and using common multiples to express fractions in the same denomination
- Add and subtract fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers
- Equivalent fractions
- Writing fractions in their simplest form
- Dividing proper fractions by whole numbers
- Using equivalences between fractions, decimals and percentages

The 'school run' website provides information to support you with the bullet points.

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-is-the-lowest-common-denominator>

Reading

Continue to update your reading diary.

- What is your book about?
- Do you have a favourite part?
- Were there any tricky words that you were unsure of?
- Would you recommend this book to others?

Write a book review which details the book's genre, plot, setting, characters and key events/information.

Art & Design

Can you use your knowledge of the people living during the Shang dynasty to draw pictures showing what a rich person and what a poor person would have worn?

Can you build a model of a building from the time of the Shang dynasty? What materials could you use? What would it look like? You could research more about the different types of buildings in ancient China to help you.