

Dear Year 6, I hope you have enjoyed some of the tasks I set you last week. I'm really looking forward to seeing some of your research!

Last week we learnt about the Shang's social hierarchical structure. This week I have included some home learning tasks which continue to develop our Shang dynasty theme around their religion and beliefs.

Mr McCarthy.

The Shang Dynasty

The excavation of Shang tombs and the study of oracle bones have provided us with detailed information about Shang religion.

Research an aspect of Shang religion in more detail and create a presentation about it.

- The Role of the King
- Ceremonies and Sacrifices
- Family and Ancestor Worship
- Gods
- Tombs and Burial Customs

Your presentation could include some of the following:

- A poster
- A leaflet/booklet
- A news report or newspaper article
- Role play or drama
- Drawings and paintings
- PowerPoint/flipchart presentation

These are just suggestions. You may have more exciting ideas about how to best present your work.

Think carefully about the language you could use to make your information interesting and engaging.

Have fun putting together your presentation!

Maths – Measurement

Revisit the following strands:

- Converting measurements so that both measurements are in the same unit (length, mass, volume and time)

I have 2.45 litres of orange juice. I pour 500ml of orange juice out and drink it. How much do I have left?

- Area & perimeter

How do you find the area/perimeter of a shape? Is there a formula you could use? Do shapes with the same area have different perimeters and vice versa?

The School Run website provides information for converting measurements/area and perimeter.

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/convert-into-the-same-units>

Reading

- Continue to update your reading diary.
- Can you increase your familiarity with a wide range of books, or a genre you are not familiar with?

Possible genres include myths, legends, traditional stories, modern fiction, poetry and non-fiction.

- Try jotting down any new vocabulary you discover. What do these new words mean in the context of the sentence? Can you write an independent sentence which incorporates your new vocabulary appropriately?

Art & Design

The objects in royal tombs tell us that sacrifices were offered when a king died. This bronze vessel is called a *dǐng*. They were originally used for cooking and storage but later they became vessels to hold sacrifices when a royal family member died. These sacrifices were usually food and drink.



- Can you create your own model of a *dǐng*? Possible materials could include paper/card/lego/clay.
- Write a paragraph as a label to explain what the vessels were used for in your own words.