

Dear Year 6, I hope you enjoyed last week's activities and are making the most of the warm weather! Last week you researched Lady Fu Hao and her tomb. This week I have included some learning tasks which investigate the demise of the Shang Dynasty.

Mr McCarthy.

The Shang Dynasty

Think about the following questions:

- When did the Shang Dynasty end?
- What reasons do you think there could be for why one dynasty ends and another begins?

The legend from the history books says the Zhou tribe defeated the Shang at The Battle of Muye, ending a dynasty that endured for over 500 years.

Can you create a storyboard/comic strip that illustrates the downfall of the Shang? Below are a few possible headings for your storyboard.

1. Wu thinks King Di Xin's reign needs to end
2. Wu gathers soldiers into an army
3. Wu marches his army to the Yellow River
4. King Di Xin gathers his army together, composed predominantly of slaves
5. The Battle of Muye

Here are two links to support your research:

<https://www.ks2history.com/battle-of-muye-guide>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/z3s8g82>

Maths – Data handling (statistics)

Revisit the following strands:

- Interpret and construct pie charts
- Interpret and construct line graphs
- Interpret and construct bar charts
- Find the mean as an average
- Discrete and continuous data
- Pictograms

The school run website includes lots of useful information:

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/data-handling>

Reading

- Continue to update your reading record
- Using a book or chapter you have read recently, can you make a list of words and phrases used to create atmosphere, set the scene or describe character?
- Find descriptive words within the text. Can you use a thesaurus to find synonyms and antonyms for these words? Can you put these new words into context correctly?
- Can you find any examples of figurative language? Are they effective?

Art & Design

Kites were invented by the ancient Chinese many thousands of years ago and they had a variety of different functions, including use by the military!

Can you design and create your own Chinese kite?

The following website provides an example:

<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/chinese-kite-craft>

