



TERMS 1 and 2 2025/26

Year 5 - Mrs Dinnage / Mr Tree / Miss Phillips

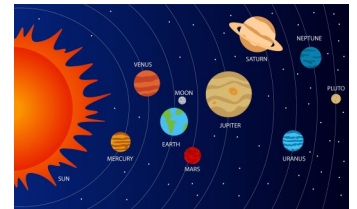
Topic for the Term: Dynamic Dynasties

In Dynamic Dynasties, your child will learn about periods of ancient Chinese history. They will explore a timeline of the first seven Chinese dynasties and learn about the legends surrounding the beginning of Chinese civilisation. They will take a deep dive into the history of the Bronze Age Shang Dynasty and explore evidence found in the ancient city of Yinxu. They will study oracle bones, learn about religious beliefs and explore bronze artefacts that set the Shang Dynasty apart from other civilisations. They will also study the hierarchy of the Shang Dynasty and discover who was powerful (and powerless).



Science

Your child will start Year 5 looking at Forces and Mechanisms. This project teaches children about the forces of gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction, with children exploring their effects. They will learn about mechanisms, their uses and how they allow a smaller effort to have a greater effect. Following that, we will be examining Earth and Space. This will include the Solar System and its spherical bodies. Children will describe the movements of Earth and other planets relative to the Sun, as well as looking at Earth's rotation.



Homework

- ◆ Please read with your child at least 5 times a week.
- ◆ Learn the weekly spellings, the focus of which will be revision of Year 3 and the Year 4 common exception words. This will include revision of the spelling rules from previous terms, from Year 4. The spelling test will take place on Friday of each week unless specified otherwise.
- ◆ Practise all times tables up to 12 x 12 daily.
- ◆ Completing the **ASPIRE** homework sheet. This is one piece of homework per week as laid out on your child's homework timetable. It does not matter which order the homework is completed in. Books are to be returned at the end of each half term.

Educational Visits / Theme Days

In term 2, the children will visit the V&A Museum in London to look at some Chinese artefacts.

Library Day

Our library day will be **Friday**.

Uniform / PE Kit

This term, PE lessons will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child comes into school wearing their P.E. kit on these days. The children will need to have their shorts (or black jogging bottoms), T-shirts and hooded tops this term.

Thank you for your continued support.