

Year 5

Brief outline of Learning Journey:

A history based learning journey that will explore many aspects of ancient civilisations and will focus on Ancient China and their dynasties.

English

Key Texts- The Seven Chinese brothers, Other traditional Chinese tales,

'Podkin One Ear' By Kieran Larwood

Reading- we will be exploring traditional tales and non-fiction. Taking part in the reading challenge.

Writing- Children will be learning to write narrative poems, write traditional tales and persuasive writing tasks.

Sentence Focus- use a variety of sentence starters such as 'ed' sentences noun, which, where who sentences.

Main subject for topic- History

Context- Ancient China

Skills developed- order dates chronologically, make comparisons to modern day everyday life.

Knowledge - learn about an ancient civilisation and some of their achievements. Discover the art, culture and heritage of different dynasties and their influence on people.

PE

Mondays 9/10 am- Coaches- Invasion Games

Fridays 9 am - Real P.E - Learning focus - Social Gymnastics



Dynamic Dynasties

Autumn Term 2025

Maths

Main focus-

- Number and Place Value,
- Decimals, Fractions and Percentages
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions

KIRFs- recall number bonds up to 10 with decimals

Music: SING UP - Sea Shanties

This unit is about how Sea Shanties were used to inspire sailors while they were out at sea or help them keep in time with the pulling objects on the boat such as the anchor or sails. The unit will cover singing, rhythms and musical accompaniment. They will sing what shall we do with a drunken sailor and other famous sea shanties.

ASSEMBLIES

Preparation for the Year 5 assembly will also be a priority to enable the opportunity for children to perform in front of a larger audience.

Harvest songs will also be practiced as well.

Science: LTC How do levers help us?

Context: Levers: Plan experiments that use enquiry, take a range of measurements, report findings, test results, make predictions and use conclusions, support ideas and refute arguments, set up fair tests and make predictions

Forces

Push and Pull

During this topic we will be recapping the main forces in action such as:

- Gravity
- Air Resistance
- Water Resistance
- Friction

Praying Mantis class will be conducting experiments around these subjects that enable scientific enquiry and basic physics principles.

Earth and Space

This project teaches children about our Solar System and its spherical bodies. They describe the movements of Earth and other planets relative to the Sun, the Moon relative to Earth and the Earth's rotation to explain day and night.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

In this topic we will look at a range of different levers and research how they work. We will attempt to make simple levers and pneumatics.

Computing

Understand how different systems work
Create a video based around a themed top at school

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Geography.

Context: Asia

Skills: Analyse maps, atlases and globes, including digital mapping, to locate countries and describe features studied. Reading Grid References
Reading different time zones

Knowledge: Various areas have geographical features as natural barriers such as rivers, mountains, and deserts.

RE- In RE, the children will be discovering more about Ramadan and discovering more about the Muslim faith. They will investigate the religious holidays that are celebrated and the importance of fasting. Eid is a time of family and self-control.

Homework:

Reading: Please fill in your reading diaries at least 3x weekly

Target: There will be an English and Maths Task on weekly basis

Spelling: Learn your weekly spellings for the test on Thursday

Project/Task: This is usually a selection of activities that will complement the work that is learnt during the topic.

History

Key Vocabulary- civilisation, history, dynasty, emperor, ruler, culture, deity, agriculture, tomb, sacrifice, Terracotta Army, shaman, pictograph, Shangdi, Shang, taotie, Silk Road, Qin, Xia, Yangtze, Zhou, Yellow River, zeng, Yinxu, Han, Great Wall of China, li, oracle bones, patina, legalism

Skills: Learn about the achievements of the earliest civilizations - an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared and a depth study of one of the following: The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China.

Create an in-depth study of the characteristics and importance of a past or ancient civilisation or society (people, culture, art, politics, hierarchy)

Articulate and organise important information and detailed historical accounts using topic related vocabulary

Describe the significance, impact and legacy of power in ancient civilisations.

Use a range of historical sources or artefacts to build a picture of a historical event or person

Explore and explain how the religious, political, scientific or personal beliefs of a significant individual caused them to behave in a particular way

Art and Design

Context 1: Asian Artwork and landscapes

Skills developed: Mix and use tints and shades of colours using a range of different materials, including paint
Knowledge: using preliminary sketches to inspire a final piece of artwork.

- Improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials
- Imaginative and fantasy landscapes are artworks that usually have traditional features of landscapes, such as plants, physical and human features, but they have been created from the artist's imagination and do not exist in the real world.

Local links and Exciting experiences

Bikeability - Level 1 26th November 2025
Trip - To the Cinema 28th November 2025

Jigsaw- Lifeskills

Autumn 1: Being me in my World
Autumn 2: Celebrating Difference

