

YEAR 5 Spring NEWSLETTER 2021

Year 5...I am extremely sorry that things had to change this half term. We just all need to keep working as hard as we can, whether you are working remotely at home or you are in school with Mrs Anderson or myself. We will be back before we know it and you know I will have some lovely things planned for you! Hopefully we will carry on our 'Social Action' work with Jack when we are back too.

Topic- Ancient China/Shang Dynasty

Our Topic and English work this half term will be based on China and the Shang Dynasty.

We will be investigating:

- History vs archaeology- which is more reliable?
- Why did the Shang kings need to write?
- Did the Shang people believe in the afterlife?
- Who was Fu Hao and why was she unusual?
- Who were the Shang kings and emperors?
- What do Ancient Chinese artefacts tell us about the Shang people?

Alongside this topic we will also be learning about Chinese symbols and Chinese New Year.

Key texts:

- Dragonology (non fiction)
- Chinese Cinderella

Online learning

As many children are working from home, it is imperative that they keep working their hardest. The first thing to check every morning is Google Classroom where all the tasks for the day are posted and a timetable guide. Under the 'Classwork' tab is where the work is mainly saved. The children should be able to edit the documents saved there or do their work on paper/in their book (if you could send in a photo that would be brilliant!) To go alongside the work, there are often Powerpoints or tutorial videos to watch- these will help your children greatly. Any activities that are on Purple Mash/Mathletics are often 'extras'- the main bulk of the work is on Google Classroom.

Please continue to ask any questions on Google Classroom.

Remember- children who are at school do not need to do any of the online learning.

Maths- we will be revisiting/revising some of the learning from earlier in the year and carrying out some investigations. We will also be learning about Shape, Space and Measure.

PE:

It is important that children remain active during this time. PE will be on a Wednesday whether your child is in school or not. Those in school, will be having a session with NUF (all safety precautions will be followed). If you are at home, this will be a great opportunity to try PE with Joe or Cosmic Kids Yoga. I highly recommend the Minecraft yoga or Moana yoga!