



ORCA CLASS Newsletter



Autumn Term



OUR LEARNING

Our topic this term is **Dynamic Dynasties**, where we'll journey through ancient China and the Shang Dynasty. Children will explore Shang writing, oracle bones, beliefs, warfare, and key figures like Fu Hao, before considering the dynasty's legacy. Later, we'll study the Maya civilisation, comparing their achievements with those of the Shang.



MATHS

In maths we will be looking at place value, including negative numbers and decimal fractions. The four operations (+ - x ÷) and our times tables.

Remember to keep working on KIRFs.

ENGLISH

Our fiction book this term will be *Running on the Roof of the World* by Jess Butterworth.

In writing, we will be focusing on poetry, diary entries, biographies and a story narrative, which uses the writing style of third person.



OTHER SUBJECTS

Science - Forces

Art – Colour in landscapes and Taotie

PE – Invasion Games and Quicksticks

Computing – Systems and Searching
PSHE – Being Me and Celebrating Differences
RE – Why do some people believe that God exists?



HOME LEARNING

Here are some ideas for Home learning projects:

- *Research the Great Wall of China. Record details in report format
- *Create a piece of art by copying one or more taotie designs
- *Find out about an ancient Chinese achievement, invention or innovation that interests you
- *Create a Chinese dragon. Once you have completed your model write a paragraph about the “anatomy” of Chinese dragons and what they symbolise in Chinese culture.

We will be sharing our learning with the rest of the school on **6th December** so make sure they are handed in by then.



Our Assembly:
Friday 10th Oct
at 9am