



This Term...

Our new topic in Year 5 is "Dynamic Dynasties"

In Dynamic Dynasties, your child will learn about periods of ancient Chinese history. They will explore a timeline of the first five Chinese dynasties and learn about the legends surrounding the beginning of Chinese civilisation. They will dive into the history of the Bronze Age Shang Dynasty and explore evidence found in the ancient city of Yin. 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 who was powerless. They



will look at warfare and find out how bronze technology gave the Shang Dynasty an advantage over their enemies. They will learn about the life of the great military leader, Fu Hao. The children will then look at significant aspects of life after the

Shang Dynasty, including the work of Confucius in the Zhou Dynasty, the short but significant reign of Emperor Qin Shi Huang of the Qin Dynasty and the importance of the Silk Road created by the Han Dynasty.

Our new topic in Year 6 is "Gallery Rebels"

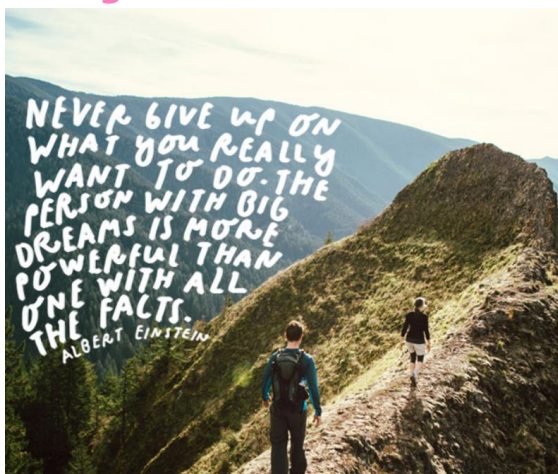
Pack up your pencils, pick up your paintbrushes and prepare to be amazed by the wonderful work of 19th and 20th century artists.

During this half term, we'll discuss features of the artwork of the 19th and 20th century and sketch our favourite pieces. We'll research important artwork of the 19th and 20th centuries online, choosing a favourite piece of art to describe in more detail.

Using maps, we'll locate art galleries around the world and calculate how much it would cost to get there. We'll create pieces of art inspired by well-known artists. We'll express ourselves through poetry, stories, music and painting. Art can affect our feelings and emotions, and we'll investigate whether everyone responds in the same way.



Thought of the term...



Dates for the diary:

- Thursday 21st April – Class photos
- 22nd April 2022 – Year 1/2 David Bowden Poetry Workshops
- W/B 25th April 2022 – Mindful Minis workshops
- 2nd May 2022 – Bank Holiday – School closed
- Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May - Year 6 SATs week.
- 26th May 2022 – Friends Event – UKS2 Movie Night 3.00-4.30pm
- Friday 27th May – End of Term 5

Knowledge Organisers

Don't forget to look at our Knowledge Organisers for key information about our new topics. Electronic copies will be on our school website.

Reminders

Reading - We encourage all parents/carers to read three times a week with their children at home to further develop their child's reading skills. Please remember to record this in your child's Reading Record. In Year 6 some of the more advanced books are from the Young Adult section.

TTRS – It is beneficial for all children to regularly play on TTRS at home to improve their recall of times tables and the related division facts.