



Great Alne Primary School

Our Y5/6 topic for the summer term is Dynamic Dynasties

English

As readers we will be reading a range of Chinese folktales which will allow us to practice the reading skills of retrieving information, making predictions and inferences, summarising and explaining our thinking whilst learning new vocabulary.

As writers we will use Chinese folktales to write our own narrative poetry which include expanded noun phrases and figurative language (similes, metaphors, personification, alliteration and onomatopoeia). We will revise direct and indirect speech, reported speech and the active and passive voice in our writing.

Foundation Subjects

As geographers we will be locating map features using a range of methods.

As historians we will study ancient China, focusing primarily on the Shang Dynasty, and explore the lasting legacy of the first five Chinese dynasties, some of which can still be seen in the world today.

As artists we will learn about the art of the taotie motif, including ancient and contemporary casting methods. In DT lessons, we will learn about pneumatic systems. During **computing**, we will learn about the use of technology, how to stay safe online, programming skills and how to use data. Our **PSHE** lessons this term will explore 'Being my best'. During **RE** we will investigate the key question 'What do religions say to us when life gets hard?' In **music** we will listen and respond, create, learn and structure rhythms. In **French** lessons we will perform a short role-play in a French tea room. **PE** lessons will focus on cricket and athletics.

Mathematics and Science

As mathematicians we will learn about the perimeter and area of rectangles and compound shapes in Y5 and triangles and parallelograms in Y6 (and their respective standard units of measurement). In geometry we will learn about how to measure and calculate angles and how to translate and reflect shapes using coordinates.

As scientists we will investigate forces and mechanisms. We will learn about the forces of gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction, and will be exploring their effects. We will learn about mechanisms, their uses and how they allow a smaller effort to have a greater effect.

What can I do to help my child?

Read each night with your child to support their fluency and comprehension.

Use the Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) sheet sent home each half term to support quick and confident recall which will support your child in their maths lessons.

Support your child during home learning tasks and ensure their homework is presented well and handed in on time.