



YEAR 3/4 WHITEBEAM CLASS

AUTUMN 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

This half term our curriculum theme is: **Ancient Civilisations**.
Our enquiry question is: **How do we know about Ancient Civilisations such as the Shang Dynasty?**



ENGLISH - WRITING

In writing lessons the children will be learning how to write an explanation text about the water cycle.

We will then be writing a diary entry from the perspective of someone living during the Shang Dynasty.



ENGLISH - READING

During this half term, the children will continue to read a variety of texts and analyse them using the VIPERS skills of vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising. Our next novel will be *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown.



MATHEMATICS

Working within their year group level, the children will be working upon units of addition and subtraction then moving on to multiplication and division.

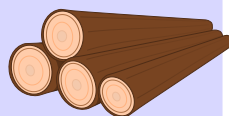


HISTORY

In history the children will be learning about the civilisation of the Shang Dynasty. They will learn about their social hierarchy, religious beliefs and daily practices. They will learn about the impact archaeology and how we know about Ancient Civilisations.

SCIENCE

We will be learning about sound and how sound travels from an object, through the air and into our ears. We will be experimenting with different instruments during this unit.



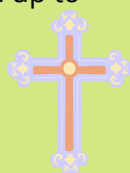
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

This half term the children will be designing and making an animation digitally.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our enquiry question 'where do religious beliefs come from?' continues this half term and this has a Christianity focus. We will then be looking at The Nativity Story in the run up to Christmas.



COMPUTING

The children will be learning about audio editing in computing.



FRENCH

The children will continue to learn how to greet others in French, count to 10 and learn the names of a range of colours before moving on to the unit 'I am able to...'

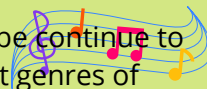
PSHE



Our unit this half term is 'being me in my world' followed by 'celebrating difference.'

Music

The children will be continue to appraise different genres of music and they will develop their skills in performance and composition.



Instruments: djembe drums to continue this half term.