

## Theme: China

We will learn about Chinese history, art, food, religion and animals.



Year 5/6 Autumn 1  
Value: Thankfulness

### R.E.

#### Buddhism

We'll learn about Buddha's teachings in the Tipitaka (enlightenment, 5 precepts and Noble 8-Fold Path). We'll debate philosophical questions about karma and research Vesak and pagodas in China.

### P.S.H.E.

#### Safety

We will identify risks, dangers, hazards & concerns. We will share advice on staying safe on foot, on bikes, online and around strangers. We will learn what to do when we feel unsafe (e.g. Childline).

### Computing

#### Using the Internet

We will learn about E-Safety using the SMART guidelines and Interland. We will use search engines effectively and responsibly for research (key words and ranked results).

### Science

#### Living Things and Their Habitats

We will conduct a fair test to find out about the asexual reproduction of potatoes. We will draw labelled diagrams of pollination and different animal life cycles (e.g. metamorphosis, live birth and eggs). We will explore David Attenborough's work with the WWF panda breeding programs.

### P.E.

#### Tag Rugby

Key skills: defend, manoeuvre, tactics, speed, sprint, dodge, evasion, intercept

#### Dance

Key skills: control, fluency, coordination, choreograph, precision, synchronise  
(or Swimming)

### G.P.S.

#### Grammar:

Standard English, subject, object, nouns, pronoun, adjective, verbs, adverb, modal verb, determiner, preposition, conjunction

#### Spellings:

prefix, suffix, antonym, synonym, -ous -ious or -eous, -cious or -tious, -cial or -tial, -ly or -ally

### English

**Focus Text:** 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies

**Writing:** Cinquain poem, setting descriptions, newspaper report and a biography

**Guided Reading:** Novels

**LTE:** 'Knight' (narrative sequencing)

### Maths

**Y5/6:** Place value, order, compare, round, addition, subtraction, prime factors, common multiples, multiplication, division, fractions, mixed number, improper, equivalent, different denominators, decimals, 2D shapes, area, perimeter, angles, line graphs (Science)  
**Y6:** millions

### Art

#### Painting

We will mix a range of colours (complementary, contrasting, tint, tone, shade, hue, warm, cold and neutral). We will paint nature, drawing inspiration from Chinese/Shang art using different brushes and strokes.

### History

#### The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China

We will study the significant achievements of this ancient civilisation (e.g. bronze, writing and the Battle of Muye). We will examine artefacts (oracles, dragon bones, tombs and cowry shells) and recreate the daily lives of different people (e.g. slaves, merchants, priests, farmers and kings).

### Music

#### Composition and Pitch

Vocals, percussion instruments, steady, beat, pitch, ostinato, texture, rap, structure, lyrics and chords.  
(Harvest Festival Performance)

### French

Greetings and Manners: Learn how to greet each other politely and ask/answer questions about themselves.