

# Year 2 Home Learning

## Topic & Science

Our topic this half term is **The Shang Dynasty**. The children will learn about the rise and fall of the Shang Dynasty and what life was like in the Ancient China during the Shang Dynasty. They will learn about some important discoveries and inventions, religion during the Shang Dynasty, and Shang Dynasty weapons and armies. In science, we are continuing our learning about **plants**.

## Proper Project

The Shang made many contributions to Chinese civilization, but four in particular define the dynasty: the invention of writing; the development of a stratified government; the advancement of bronze technology; and the use of the chariot and bronze weapons in warfare. Choose one and do some research about it. You could present your findings in a poster, booklet, painting or factsheet.

## Science

In class, we will be looking at how **plants** grow under different conditions. Plant two seeds and then place them under different conditions e.g. one seed might have more or less light or water than the other. Observe and compare how each plant grows differently over time.



## Create 'n Make

The first form of Chinese writing took place on **oracle bones** during the Shang Dynasty. Oracles bones were significant in helping us understand more about the way of life in the Shang Dynasty and they proved that the legend of the Shang was, in fact, true! Have a read and watch the video on this page, then have a go at the activities: [Oracle Bones](#)  
This video is also very interesting: [A History of Magic- Oracle Bones](#)  
Why not have a go at making your own "oracle bones" by drawing simple drawings onto a piece of clay or wood!?



## Out and about...

The **British Museum** has an impressive amount of Ancient Chinese artefacts. They sometimes even display oracle bones! When you are there, why not have a go at sketching your favourite object?