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Welcome back Year 3! We hope you have all had a lovely half term break.

This half term we will develop our historical knowledge by exploring the Shang Dynasty in Ancient China. Continuing to develop our sense of time and space, we will look at when and where this civilisation happened, as well as investigate what life was like and what they considered to be important. Remember to stay up to date with our class on Dojo. If you ever need any help, have any questions or would like to give us additional information about your child, please don't hesitate to speak to us after school or ring the office to make an appointment.

Our focus in English will be **Persuasive Writing**, namely the 'World of Advertising.' Starting with TV ads and printed adverts, we will look at why adverts persuade and the features that are used to persuade. We will then have fun creating our own advertisements. Please try to make time at home to work on handwriting so that your child's letter formation (letter size and shape) is improving and consistent.

In Maths this half term, we begin by finishing our work on **time**, before moving on to **shape and statistics**. We will also be recapping work on **calculations: fluency in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division**. Finally, please continue to encourage children to embed and practise their times tables, which are essential for them to quickly recall by the end of Year 3: **2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and 8s**. Both multiplication facts and the corresponding division facts. Use TTRS to practise.

In Science, we will be exploring 'Plants', with a particular focus on learning the names of different parts of plants and the jobs that they do.

Reading is as important as ever in Year 3 and the children have made great progress this year. Thank you parents! Please keep encouraging your child to **read at home as much as possible** and bring their book and signed reading record in daily.

We are adapting how we teach Love to Read and a trialling a new scheme this half term called 'Fred's Teaching.' It will be taught in shorter 20-30 minute daily sessions with a different theme every day. We think that the children will really enjoy the new planning and set up.

The Spelling test will now be taking place **Wednesday**.



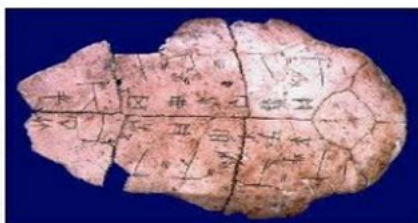
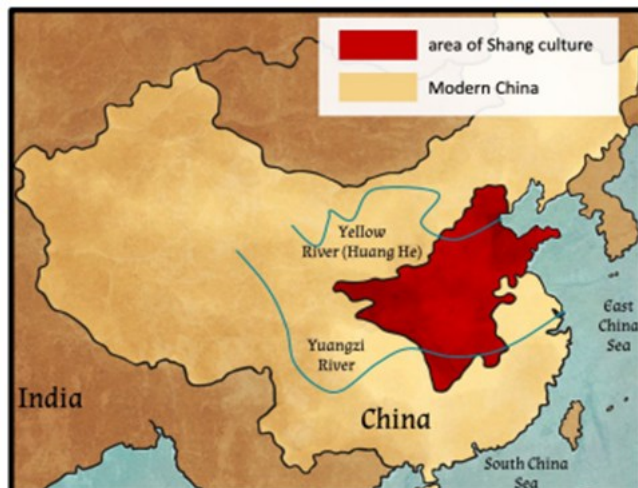
PE is on **Monday and Friday** this half term. We will be practising handball and cricket. Please wear your school PE kit on these days — plain red t-shirt, navy or black shorts or trousers and black trainers or pumps.

Sports week is w/c 22nd June with various activities taking place throughout the week. Sports day is Wednesday 24th June—More information to follow.

In **D&T** this half term, we will design, make and evaluate Chinese spring rolls for class party 'Shang Dynasty' Style! Children will practise their cutting skills, applying good food hygiene and preparing a banquet.

In **Music**, we will be listening to different styles of music and reflecting on it. We will then be having a go at some improvisation.

In **RE** our big questions is 'How and why do people try to make the world a better place?' During this unit we will be thinking about social responsibility religious and non-religious worldviews. We will be exploring how people of different faiths and beliefs are motivated to improve the world around them.



# Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

accident	calendar	eight	guide	mention	possession	straight
accidentally	caught	eighth	heard	minute	possible	strange
actual	centre	enough	heart	natural	potatoes	strength
actually	century	exercise	height	naughty	pressure	suppose
address	certain	experience	history	notice	probably	surprise
although	circle	experiment	imagine	occasion	promise	therefore
answer	complete	extreme	increase	occasionally	purpose	though
appear	consider	famous	important	often	quarter	thought
arrive	continue	favourite	interest	opposite	question	through
believe	decide	February	island	ordinary	recent	various
bicycle	describe	forward	knowledge	particular	regular	weight
breath	different	forwards	learn	peculiar	reign	woman
breathe	difficult	fruit	length	perhaps	remember	women
build	disappear	grammar	library	popular	sentence	
busy	early	group	material	position	separate	
business	earth	guard	medicine	possess	special	