Dynamic Dynasties

Class 5 Topic Homework

Here are the homework project ideas for our topic '**Dynamic Dynasties**'.
Choose ***at least one*** to complete.

Use a range of sources to create a mind map about the Shang Dynasty. Include the headings: dates, location, how the dynasty began, beliefs, everyday life, warfare, achievements and how the dynasty ended. Use your mind map to write a non-chronological report. Include a title, opening paragraph, subheadings, interesting facts, precise topic vocabulary and images with captions. Once complete, share your report with a family member.	Look online for pictures of oracle bones from the Shang Dynasty. Use your existing knowledge, information books or the internet to answer the questions. • What is an oracle bone? • What were oracle bones used for? • Why are oracle bones an important source of evidence for archaeologists and historians to learn about the Shang Dynasty?	Use a range of sources to find out about an ancient Chinese achievement, invention or innovation that interests you, such as traditional Chinese medicine, metalworking, the Great Wall of China or Chinese writing. Record your findings as a list of facts and include a picture or drawing.
Use a range of sources to find out about the Silk Road. Record your findings and provide information about the purpose of the Silk Road, its length, the route it took, the countries involved, items that were traded and the origin of the name.	Use information books and the internet to find out about one other dynasty. Choose from the Xia Dynasty, Zhou Dynasty, Qin Dynasty or Han Dynasty. Research their beliefs, government, homes, everyday lives, warfare and achievements. Create an information poster to record your findings. Once complete, compare your chosen dynasty with the Shang Dynasty. Record similarities and differences between the dynasties in a table.	Find images of ancient bronze artefacts from the Shang Dynasty that feature taotie designs. Create a piece of art by copying or tracing one or more taotie designs onto paper. Colour your design using paints, felt pens or crayons, using a combination of black, blue and green colours to recreate the patina of the bronze.

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Class 5 Reading Homework

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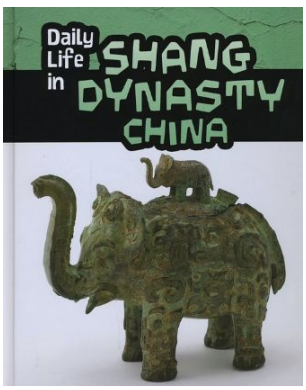
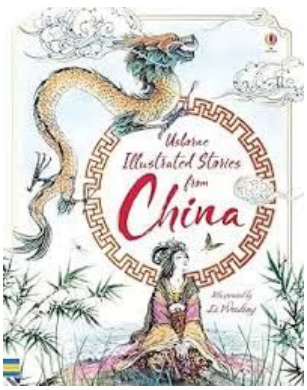
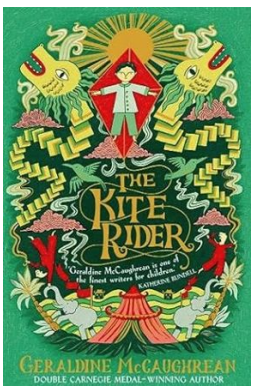
Please see Google Classroom for a list of suggested books!

Write a diary entry for one of the characters.	Draw what you think one of the main characters look like.	Write some interview questions to ask the main character.
Create a **new** character for the book. Sketch a picture and write a description of this new character.	Storyboard one of the key scenes in the book.	Imagine the book is turned into a film! Decide on a soundtrack to accompany the film and describe which songs would be played at which moments. Explain your choices.







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