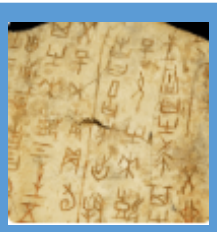

Class 5
Autumn 2026

Dynamic Dynasties

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Topic Overview	**Dynamic Dynasties** This project teaches Class 5 about the history of ancient China, focusing primarily on the Shang Dynasty, and explores the lasting legacy of the first five Chinese dynasties, some of which can still be seen in the world today.
Class text	• The Willow Pattern Story; Chinese Fables; The Magic Paintbrush; Lin Yi's Lantern.
English	• Narrative poems; Biographies; Stories from other cultures.
Mathematics	• Place Value; Addition & Subtraction; Multiplication & Division; Fractions.
Science	• Forces & Mechanisms: Gravity; Air Resistance; Water Resistance; Friction; Levers; Pulleys; Gears. • Earth and Space: Spherical Bodies; The Planets; Night and Day; Phases of the Moon.
RE	• What does it mean if Christians believe God is loving and holy? • Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?
Art	• Colour in Landscapes: Mixing Tints, Shades & Tones; Exploring Landscapes; Sketching & Painting Landscapes. • Taotie Taotie Motifs; Casting Methods; Watercolours.
DT	• Moving Mechanisms: Pneumatic Systems; Joining & Finishing; Iterative Design Process; Building Pneumatic Machine Prototypes.
Computing	• Computer Systems & Networks • Data & Information
Geography	• Investigating Our World: Ordnance Survey Maps; Contour Lines; Six-Figure Grid References; Time Zones; Climate Zones; Vegetation Belts; Biomes; World Cities.
History	• Ancient China: Timelines and chronology; Shang Dynasty; Sources & Artefacts; Oracle Bones; Shang Religious Beliefs; Bronze Ages Around the World; Life after the Shang Dynasty.
Life Skills	• Mental Health; Physical Wellbeing; Ourselves, Growing & Changing; Keeping Safe; Drugs, Alcohol & Tobacco.
Music and Performing Arts	• Christmas Play Rehearsals • Pitch; Rhythm; Pulse; Duration; Structure; Dynamics; Harmony; Tempo; Timbre; Texture.
PE	• Fitness; OAA; Dance; Basketball.