

St. Peter's Academy – Meet and Greet Letter – Miss Brownley and Miss Walton

UKS2 Staff:

Mrs. Marston – Year 5

Miss. Brownley – Year 6

Miss. Walton – Year 6 Teacher Mrs Smith Teaching Partner (HLTA)

Date: Weds 14th September 2022



Welcome to Year 6!

This term's topic – *Dynamic Dynasties*...

In Dynamic Dynasties, we'll learn about periods of ancient Chinese history, explore a timeline of the first five Chinese dynasties and learn about the legends surrounding the beginning of Chinese civilisation. We'll take a deep dive into the history of the Bronze Age Shang Dynasty and explore evidence found in the ancient city of Yin, study oracle bones, learn about religious beliefs, and explore bronze artefacts that set the Shang Dynasty apart from other civilisations. We'll also study the hierarchy of the Shang Dynasty and discover who was powerful and who was powerless, look at warfare and find out how bronze technology gave the Shang Dynasty an advantage over their enemies. We'll learn about the life of the great military leader, Fu Hao. We will then look at significant aspects of life after the Shang Dynasty, including the work of Confucius in the Zhou Dynasty, the short but significant reign of Emperor Qin Shi Huang of the Qin Dynasty and the importance of the Silk Road created by the Han Dynasty. To end the project, we'll find out how ancient China's lasting legacy can be seen in the world today.

This term:

Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Place value• Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division• Fractions• Converting units
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stories from other cultures• Narrative poems• Biographies
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forces and mechanisms• Earth and space
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ancient China, Timelines and chronology, Shang Dynasty, Sources and artefacts, Oracle bones and religious beliefs, Bronze Age in ancient China, Historical enquiry, Significance of jade and silk, Power and social hierarchy, Everyday life, Warfare, Significant individual – Di Xin, End of the Shang Dynasty, Bronze Ages around the world, Life after the Shang Dynasty, Legacy
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigating our world – Greenwich Mean Time, time zones, climate zones, vegetation belts, capital cities, transport networks and settlements
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How Christians follow their faith
PSHE / I decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Being responsible
Music / Charanga	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy

Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core vocabulary and phonics
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-skills and Multi-sports with Harvey Steven's coaches & Mrs Marston.
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporated within our overarching topic lessons.

Homework:

- Typically, three pieces of homework per week.
- Usually, spellings, maths and a piece of English or topic-based work.
- Homework will be communicated via e-newsletter on the class pages.
- Creative pieces will be set in place of the three pieces and will be given a longer time slot to complete.
- It is due in each Friday. We mark in class and discuss misconceptions in groups.
- Spellings are personalised and tailored for your child (written in their diary weekly and tested the following week).

Touching base with SATs:

- Monday 8th May – Thursday 11th May 2023.
- We will have an additional SATs meeting after Christmas to give you more information about in-school and after-school boosters, SATs prep and practice tests.
- Mock tests this term, during November.
- Additional materials will be included on the class pages of the website.
- Revising at home – CGP are great.

Any other information:

- See class pages on the school website for further information.
- UKS2 support – Mrs Smith is assisting us in lessons.
- Water bottles should be provided and are kept in our classrooms.
- Home to school communication – parentcorrespondence@st-peters.notts.sch.uk (if urgent, please phone the school office), we are on the playground each day at the end of school or please contact the office to book an appointment.
- PE each Thursday – children should have appropriate clothing.

Key dates:

- Parents Evening 23rd and 24th November 2023 (in school or via Teams.)
- SATs – Monday 8th May – Thursday 11th May
- Residential date (Whitby) – Monday 15th May – Wednesday 17th May 2022

We look forward to seeing you again at Parents Evening in November.

Miss Brownley & Miss Walton ☺