

## Blue Whales Term 1: The Shang Dynasty!

This term in the Blue Whales class, we will be learning about the Shang Dynasty – one of the most important cultures in Ancient times!



We will find out about where modern China is, and what was created in this part of the world. What was life like there in the past? Who were the rulers? We will try to answer these questions!



In English, our focus will be on fiction first of all, and we will use our punctuation and grammar skills when writing stories based upon a story that we have read together. We will also be re-covering all of the spelling rules that the children have done in KS2 and making sure that we apply them in our written work.

Our maths work will mainly be focused this term on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; we need to be able to use a written method to solve any calculation problem and we will be making sure that we can calculate quickly and accurately!



In science, our topic is on animals including humans: we will find out what all living things need to have to be able to survive and thrive.



## Home learning challenges

Children need to continue working at home on

[www.readingeggs.com](http://www.readingeggs.com) –

complete your weekly

assignment and give yourself a chance of being our legendary reader! There will be a weekly prize for the pupil who works through the most tasks on this app. Your child has their Reading Eggs login stuck inside their reading record.



### Learn about whales!

**Can you produce something to add to our 'Blue Whales' board? We are collecting everything together that we can write, draw or find out about these beautiful animals.**

### Research China!

What can you find out about the most populous country in the world? This includes amazing facts – the longest river, the biggest city, the tallest mountain!

### Practice your maths blast skills!

Every morning, we try to use our short written methods to solve problems involving multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. Can you independently do these at home?



Even better, can you teach someone in your family to do them?

### Make a model!

We will be studying artefacts in topic work this term – can you look into objects discovered from the Shang Dynasty and make a replica of your own?