

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

**Porpoises Class Homework Project**

This term our topic will be history based and we will be learning about **The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China**. To support and consolidate the children's learning, we would like them to complete a homework project. The project consists of a range of both practical and written activities that they can complete throughout the term.

On the back of this letter is a list of activities from which the children can choose. Their completed tasks should total to a minimum of 30 points. On 29<sup>th</sup> November, we would like the children to bring in their completed projects to share with their class.

We would also love to show any projects that have been completed in time for our open afternoon on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**Porpoises Class Teacher.**

**Porpoises Class Homework Project - Autumn 2016**  
**The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China**

5 Points	10 Points	20 Points
Write 10 facts about the Shang Dynasty.	Thousands of bones from the <a href="#">Shang dynasty</a> have been found with writing on them. Many of the characters on these bones still exist today. Find 4 of these characters and draw or paint them. Write the meaning next to it.	The Shang built their <b>houses and public buildings</b> out of wood and mud. Create a model of what a house or building might have looked like.
Write a poem about a Chinese Dragon.	Create a comic strip about a Chinese myth or legend that you have read.	Find out about the clothing that people would wear during the Shang Dynasty. Design and make a set of clothes and a way to display them.
Find out about one of the Shang Emperors and write a paragraph about them and their life.	Chinese dragons were mythical creatures often made up of many other animals e.g. a camel head, a snake neck, fish scales, eagle claws, whiskers, etc.) Draw and label your own Chinese dragon and write a detailed description of it, including what it looks like and how it moves. <b>For 5 extra points</b> , make a model that moves as well.	Cook a Chinese dish. Include the recipe and a photograph or picture of what you cooked. Get some reviews from people who ate it.
In the Shang Dynasty, the decimal system developed and there were characters for every number. Write some calculations using the characters. This website has the characters <a href="http://www.cultural-china.com/chinaWH/html/en/10Kaleidoscope997.html">http://www.cultural-china.com/chinaWH/html/en/10Kaleidoscope997.html</a>	Research traditional customs that are carried out at Chinese New Year and find a creative way of displaying this information.	Make a card game or board game that uses your knowledge about The Shang Dynasty.
The Shang Dynasty invented chopsticks. Find out what else they invented and make a list. Draw a picture to go with each one.	The Shang Dynasty society was divided into different classes. Find out about these classes and make a presentation explaining what each class was and their part in society.	Choose one of the other ancient civilisations which occurred at the same time as The Shang Dynasty. Compare the two and present the similarities and differences.