

What an amazing half term it has been! The children have already settled so well into Year 5 and are working so hard in school. They have impressed with their keen attitudes in maths and interesting stories in English, as well as enthusiasm in topic.

Reading our magical novel, *Leon and the Place Between*, has been a highlight at the start of the year, and we are excited to continue our reading journey through 'Dragon Mountain,' our next adventurous novel.

We are particularly looking forward to our new science topic 'Earth and Space,' which includes some exciting practical activities to help us learn about our world and what lies further beyond.

It has been lovely to get to know you and your children this half term.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please come and chat to me before or after school or send me a message via the school office; I am always happy to help and want to make sure your child is as happy as can be.

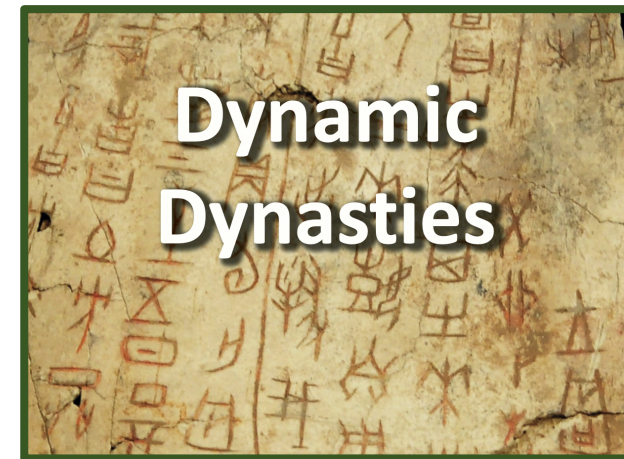
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Year 5 Teacher



## Browney Academy Curriculum Information



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## Maths



In our Year 5 'Maths No Problem!' workbooks, we will be continuing by working with multiplication and division, and then moving onto graphs and fractions. Memory Maths and maths fluency (our daily, short bursts of core maths skills) will also feature in our timetable to polish our times table skills and build quick mental strategies.

## English



Our text for this half term is an adventurous and mysterious novel called 'Dragon Mountain' by Katie and Kevin Tsang. Our aim is to plan and tell a story demonstrating awareness of audience by using techniques such as recap, repetition, humour or suspense. Dragon Mountain is a brilliant example of how these are used to hook the reader's imagination. As usual, we will be writing one narrative and one non-fiction piece to develop our skills. Our non-fiction unit will focus on writing non-chronological reports in the form of leaflets.

## Reading



The children will have daily reading lessons where they will be reading some new, challenging texts and learn how to answer comprehension questions in depth. We will continue to develop our VIPERS skills: vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, summarising and sequencing.

## Home Reading



Children will have the opportunity to read daily in lessons in school and adults will endeavour to hear the children read as often as possible during this time. Please listen to your child read four times a week at home as it will greatly assist their progress. Please continue to sign your child's reading record; we will sign your child's reading record also and are keen to reward them for their reading.

## History – Dynamic Dynasties



We have loved learning about the different ancient Chinese dynasties! The Shang Dynasty has particularly captured our interest as we have explored the materials they used and their religious beliefs, especially oracle bones! We will continue by looking at power and hierarchy, warfare and the everyday life of people in the Shang Dynasty.



## Geography – Investigating our World

We are continuing to investigate our world after looking at map skills this half term, including consolidating our understanding of contour lines and grid references. We will continue to learn about different climate zones, biomes and our amazing world cities.



## Art – Taotie

We have had brilliant art lessons looking at the features of landscapes, and we have used this knowledge to create landscape paintings. We will next look at using clay to create models linked to the dynamic dynasties.



## Science

Our next topic is Earth and Space. We will look at our incredible solar system and learn about how the Earth, Sun and Moon's rotation is key to life on Earth. We will look at the phases of the moon and do some investigating ourselves! What can you already see in the night sky?

## RE



This half term we are exploring Sikhism. In Sikhism, we will learn about Gurburabs – the special celebration days that commemorate the lives of the Sikh Gurus.

## PE



Year 5 will continue to have their weekly PE session with the coach on a Wednesday. We will also look to do quick bursts of activity throughout the week, such as the daily mile, PE games or Supermovers.

## Homework and Spellings



Homework will be set on Friday and the key focus will be maths and English. This will include spellings and times tables to learn for a test the following Friday. These spellings will be available to practise on Spelling Shed. Remember to log into TT Rockstars to practise your times tables.



## PSHE and Wellbeing

Our PSHE this half term will focus on building respectful relationships which includes managing friendship and peer influences. Our Values of the Month are Kindness in November and Peace in December.