



Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School

To be the best we can be: for God, for others and for ourselves

Year 3 -Shang Dynasty

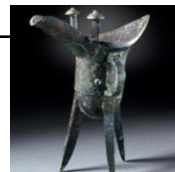
Key Vocabulary

AD	AD is used to show dates after the birth of Jesus. This year is AD 2020.
BC	BC is a way of dating years before the birth of Jesus. The bigger the number BC, the longer ago in history it was.
Shang Dynasty	A Chinese dynasty that ruled in the Yellow River Valley in China for 600 years. It was ruled by a king and his family formed the government.
Ruler	Someone who rules the country or area.
Yellow River	The second longest river in China. Chinese farmers used this to water their crops. This is where the Chinese Dynasty ruled.
Tomb	A large vault underground to bury the dead. Important Shang people would be buried with important and expensive items.
Artefact	An object found by an archaeologist that gives us information about the past.

Important Places

China	Yellow River
	

Evidence of...

Bronze dagger	Jue	Ding	Jade statue
Possibly used by a Shang warrior in battle or in religious ceremonies	Used during special ceremonies by important Shang people to serve wine	Dings varied in size and were used for cooking, storing food or in ritual ceremonies for sacrificing animals	Found in the tomb of Fu Hao. Jewellery and decorative ornaments were made out of jade and sometimes weapons were too.
			

1600-1500 BC

Capital at Shang near Zhengzhou

1300 BC

Capital moved to Yin near Anyang

1250- 1192 BC

Reign of Wu Ding

1200 BC

Tomb of Fu Hao, Wu Ding's wife

1147-1113 BC

Reign of Wu Yi

1112- 1102 BC

Reign of Wen Ding

1101- 1076 BC

Reign of Di Yi

1075- 1046 BC

Reign of Di Xin

1046 BC

End of Shang Dynasty

Year 3 Shang Dynasty



Curriculum Intent Links

(1a, vi)
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Think like a historian by

- Comparing different periods of history
- Exploring evidence like an historian
- Using historical terms correctly
- Asking questions about life in the past

Lesson sequence

1. Can I identify when the Shang Dynasty ruled China?
2. Can I investigate what was found in Fu Hao's tomb and understand how this gives us information about the past?
3. Can I understand how people in China farmed for food?
4. Can I understand how people lived in Shang cities?
5. Can I write a diary entry from the perspective of a child living in a Shang city? (Extended writing opportunity)
6. Can I understand how people worshipped during the Shang Dynasty?

Local Links

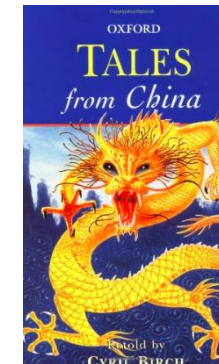
National Curriculum coverage

Children should undertake an in depth study of The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China.

Key Content

- The Shang Dynasty is the first well documented, through written texts and archaeology, dynasty in China through earlier ones are mentioned in Chinese legend. It was based around the Yellow River in central China.
- It was a Bronze Age culture, so they didn't have the knowledge of iron working.
- Writing was first developed in China in this period and many written texts were incised onto bones.
- The culture was ruled over by a king and his relatives formed the government.
- The majority of the people who lived under the Shang Dynasty were farmers. They grew millet, wheat and barley but not so much rice, which was farmed further south. A large irrigation scheme was constructed to bring the water from the Yellow River to the crops. They also kept sheep, pig and oxen. They also used silkworms to produce silk. The farmers probably lived outside the big cities.
- The king and the nobles lived inside the walled cities. There were temples where animal and human sacrifices were made to the Shang Di, the supreme god who ruled over the lesser gods to the wind, Sun and Moon, among others. Bronze vessels were used to collect blood from these offerings.
- As time went on, the religion developed from having priests who would conduct divining ceremonies to see into the future to the king himself conducting such ceremonies.

Link to text



Key Vocabulary

- BC
- AD
- Chronology
- Artefact
- Archaeologist
- Settlement
- Religion
- Chinese Legend
- Shang Dynasty
- Ruler
- Government
- Inscription
- Farming
- Yellow River
- Tomb