



The Shang Dynasty

Autumn 1A Further Reading List



Book	Author	Blurb
Shang Dynasty China	Great Civilisations	This book introduces the key aspects of life in The Shang Dynasty through examining a series of objects and archaeological findings. Full of high quality pictures, this information text encourages an investigative approach to history.
Tales from China	Cyril Birch	Tales from China is a collection of myths and legends from Ancient China. You will meet magicians, ghosts, fairies, demons and gods in these exciting stories of mystery and magic.
The Willow Pattern Story	Allan Drummond	This is the story behind the famous blue and white willow pattern from Ancient China. With beautiful illustrations and an unusual end, The Willow Pattern Story will leave both children and parents enchanted.
The Firework Maker's Daughter	Philip Pullman	A popular novel set in Ancient China, suitable for Upper KS2 or more confident readers. The Firework Maker's Daughter is the captivating story of Lila, who wants to be a firework maker just like her father. Follow her dangerous quest through strange lands as she journeys to the evil Fire-Fiend.
The Kite Rider	Geraldine McCaughrean	Haoyou knows that his father's spirit lives among the clouds above Ancient China. He also knows that to save his mother from being forced into a new marriage he must now follow in his father's footsteps and take to the skies, riding a kite through the clouds and the spirits of the dead. Then the Jade Circus offers him a chance to escape his enemies and travel throughout the empire, and maybe even perform before Kublai Khan himself. But is going with the circus really the best option? It could be that the circus master is leading him into even greater danger.
If I were a kid in Ancient China	Children of the Ancient World	What modern boy or girl wouldn't want to be called "Precious Child," as parents in ancient China referred to their children? Or wear a beautiful silk brocade jacket, as wealthy youngsters did? Or nibble on a crunchy roasted cricket? This fun book explores every aspect of life for Chinese children "way back when," from distinctive toys like a live "pet" dragonfly to hand-made lesson books to shopping at the exciting markets or strolling down the Silk Road in search of treasures.