

**Key Vocabulary**

Dragon; dragon bones; Chinese New Year; culture; myth; legend; folklore; fairy story; St George and the Dragon; patron saint; terrorised; inhabited; sacrificed; emerging; England; Ethiopia; Portugal; Georgia; table; Wang Yirong; hieroglyph; evil; fortune; wisdom; prosperity; strength; associated; deserving; rainfall; natural disaster; floods; typhoons; celebration; festival; emperor; China; alphabet; carved; decipher; identified; Shang Dynasty; characters; engraved; excavated; Hwang Ho River; Yellow River; transport; crops; civilisation; city; ancestors; royal family; court; ruler; foreknowledge; interpret; diviner; pharaohs; Ancient Egypt; Bronze Age; Stonehenge; oracle bone; translation; city; workshop; palace; homes; recreate; gu; gong; suspended; ceiling; barter; intricately; chariot; jade; ding; cauldron; society; royals; nobles; commoner; slave; illiterate; manual; farmers; labourers; mason; potter; weaving; cloth; silk; domestic servant; prisoner; tomb; burial pit; spiritual; tools; utensils; thatch; decay; decompose; plough; scythe; textiles; li; millet; stew; steaming; Cheng Tang; Di Xin; king; queen; empire; monarch; leader; behaviour; integrity; cruelty; prospered; able; govern; humble; wisdom; benevolent; farming; security; ability; peasant; harvest; scorned; robes; vanity; aid; accomplished; statesman; failure; shortcomings; blame; unselfish; drought; hunger; military; survive; bumper; harvest; destroying; treatment; downfall; seize; overthrow; brave; clever; greedy; selfish; cruel; tortured; murder; entertainment; taxes; luxurious; parties; famously; army; advisers; besieged; Yin Au; surround; Fu Hao; inventory; profile; grave goods; pen portrait; prestigious; warrior; General; Wu Ding; statue; status; treasures; possessions; afterlife; servants; bodyguard; Shangdi; magical; valued; immortality; jewellery; graverobber.

**Key Knowledge**

Rise and fall – how did the reign of King Cheng Tang compare with that of King Di Xin?

What made Fu Hao stand out from the crowd?

**Key Knowledge**

What was odd about the dragon bones that Wang Yirong bought?

What do the engraved bones tell us about the beliefs of the Shang?

Why do we know so much about how some people lived at the time of the Shang and hardly anything about others?

**Prior Learning**

* Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally.
* The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to international achievements

**Subject Specific Skills**

* Know and understand significant aspects of the history of the wider world: the nature of ancient civilisations; the expansion and dissolution of empires; characteristic features of past non-European societies; achievements and follies of humankind.
* Understand the methods of historical enquiry, including how evidence is used rigorously to make historical claims, and discern how and why contrasting arguments and interpretations of the past have been constructed.
* The achievements of the earliest civilizations – an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared.

**Year 6 History**

**Knowledge Organiser**

**Shang Dynasty**

**Key Individual**

King Cheng Tang

