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| **Year Group: 6 Term: Autmn 1 and 2 Topic/ Title: The Wonders of Ancient China**  **Knowledge, Skills and Understanding**  **Hook:** | | | |
| **Science Skills**  Evolution and inheritance  Pupils should be taught to: recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.  recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents.  identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution. | **Resources**   * Various information books Charles Darwin.   **Key vocabulary:**  Evolution, adaptation,  **Pupils might work scientifically by:**  *Observing and raising questions about local animals and how they are adapted to their environment.*  *Comparing how some living things are adapted to survive in extreme conditions, for example, cactuses, penguins and camels.*  *They might analyse the advantages and disadvantages of specific adaptations, such as being on two feet rather than four, having a long or a short beak, having gills or lungs, tendrils on climbing plants, brightly coloured and scented flowers.* | **Creative Arts Links**   * *Sketches of Charles Darwins’ Finches evolution images* * *Make clay terracotta soldiers* * *Create a Chinese Dragon for Chinese New Year* * *Paint Willow Pattern plates and cups* * *Make fortune cookies* | **Suggested Texts/ Reading Links**  *The Willow pattern*  *Stories from the Dynasties* |
| **Humanities/ History**   * The achievements of the earliest civilizations- The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China. * A non-European society that provides contrast with British history | **Resources**  Terracota replicas  Dynasties books | **Enrichment**  Trip to Down House (where Charles Darwin lived)  Trip to The British Museum to see Ancient China artefacts  Taste Chinese food | **Gifted and Talented**  Look at the comparisons between different Ancient Civilisations |