**What is ‘The Silk Road’?** *Answer the following question whilst watching the video.*

1. What sort of extreme terrains (land type) does the silk road go over?

Mountains and deserts

1. What actually is the Silk Road?

A trade route which was made up of many connecting roads

1. When it was first built, which two places did the Silk Road connect?

Italy and China

1. Why was it called the ‘silk’ road?

It was called this because people from Italy wanted to buy silk, and China was the only country who knew how to make it. So the road was firstly developed to transport this item.

1. At first people would travel the road using camels. How long would it take to go from one end to the other?

2 years

1. What other goods did people trade using this road?

Spices, lacquers, furs, porcelain. Gold, gemstones, and glass

1. What else was taken to different countries using this route?

Inventions such as paper and gun powder and religions like Buddhism, as well as diseases like the bubonic plague!

1. Why is the Silk Road not used much anymore?

It has been replaced by new maritime routes (using the seas and oceans) which are much quicker and cheaper.

1. What is ‘The New Silk Road’?

China has developed new roads, railways and harbours (ports) to increase the amount of people it can trade with.