

ENGLISH

This half-term, children will return to studying and creating their own fictional texts – with a focus on historical-based narrative. Our focus is on exploring the classic stories found in 1001 Nights (also known as The Arabian Nights), which links to our history topic. We will be sharing stories told by Scheherazade to King Shahryar – in an attempt to save her own life! Year 6 will examine the role of the narrator and write diary entries exploring the thoughts and feelings of these characters.

HISTORY

Our topic, Early Islamic Civilisation, focuses on Baghdad in the eighth and ninth centuries. We will uncover why this city was built in its particular location and what it was like to live there at that time, through the eyes of its citizens. The children will also learn about architecture from this period and explore the medical and scientific learning which took place. We will link learning in history to both English and Art.

PE

Indoor PE will focus on the rules and expertise needed to play handball, with children working on their hand-eye coordination. This will link with skills required for our outdoor PE topic, rounders, where children will further develop their team work and collaboration.

FRENCH

Children will learn to use present and future tense and become familiar with the vocabulary linked to packing a suitcase and going on holiday.

ART

After exploring the role of pattern and vegetal design in traditional Islamic art, the children will create their own plant-based sketches to be turned into tessellation artwork. They will explore calligraphy and use printing techniques to create their final pieces.

MATHEMATICS

Pupils will begin the half-term developing their understanding of angle facts within a shape, on a line and around a point. They will also learn how to translate shapes across a four-quadrant grid. The focus for the remainder of the half-term's maths work will be measure. We will be revisiting and revising standard units of measure – which are used for which purpose and how to convert within these units; for example, from kg to g and vice-versa. Pupils will continue by exploring imperial units and learn how to calculate between the two.

COMPUTING

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RE

This unit of work focuses on Easter and will explore the importance of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ to Christians. The ways in which many Christian people celebrate Easter today will also be studied.

SCIENCE

Pupils will continue work on adaptation and evolution, looking in more detail at the work of Charles Darwin and how he developed his Theory of Evolution. We will explore how animals and plants adapt and learn that such adaptation creates changes which we now know as evolution. Children will learn that the term 'offspring' means the living product of living things and that, as well having inherited traits, acquired traits can be influenced by environmental factors and learning.

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