

ENGLISH

Over the next six weeks the children will be completing work examining fiction. Linking with our history topic, this will focus on exploring the classic stories found in 1001 Nights (also known as The Arabian Nights) which include Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves and Aladdin. We will explore the role of the narrator and write diary entries exploring the thoughts and feelings of characters. We will look at the themes and settings within the stories as well as discussing how language is used in these particular traditional tales. The children will then write their own adventure stories in this style.

HISTORY

Our topic for this half term is early Islamic history. This focuses on Baghdad in the eighth and ninth centuries. We will uncover why Baghdad was built in its particular location and what it was like to live in the city at that time. We will also learn about architecture and clothing from the period and explore the medical and scientific learning which was taking place there.

SCIENCE

During their science lessons, the children will learn about light. This will include studying how light travels and how we make use of the spectrum of light in technology. Additionally, we will explore how we perceive light, the structure of the eye and how sight problems can be corrected.

RE

Our next topic will enable children to explore the similarities and differences within and between Christianity and Islam. It will give children the opportunity to discuss the concepts of worship and community and will enable them to compare the meanings of these both in their own lives and within the lives of Christians and Muslims around the world.

MATHS

Our maths lessons will focus on enabling children to apply the knowledge that they have developed in Year 6 to different real-life situations and challenges. They will use their understanding of length, capacity and mass; area and perimeter as well as averages to complete tasks as part of a team. This will provide the opportunity for the children to work collaboratively and examine how maths has a practical purpose.

COMPUTING

This half term the children will be given guidance to create a class website, linked to their studies across the curriculum. This will give them the opportunity to learn about web design – considering layout as well as content.

ART AND DESIGN

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 repeated tile patterns. They will explore calligraphy and use printing techniques to create their final piece. A visit to the Jameel Gallery at the Victoria & Albert Museum will also take place to support their understanding.

PE

In indoor PE the children will be creating and carrying out gymnastic sequences using apparatus at a variety of heights. This will test their balance and control. Netball will be the focus of their outdoor PE sessions, where they will improve their marking skills and footwork before taking part in matches.

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