

ENGLISH

Over the next five 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 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

The children will begin a term-long unit of work exploring inheritance, adaptation and evolution. Before half term, this work will mainly focus on adaptation in animals and the effect that this has on their chances of survival. It will also examine the importance of the work of Charles Darwin to this scientific field.

RE

During our RE sessions this half term we will be thinking about which qualities are important to present day religious leaders. We will consider the role of leaders from a number of religions as well as considering why it is important for leaders (religious and secular) to live up to their own expectations.

MATHS

At the start of the half term the children will expand and revise their previous understanding of the properties of shape, including the features of different triangles and the parts of a circle. This will link to finding perimeters and areas. They will also carry out shape transformations and use coordinates across four quadrants.

COMPUTING

During these lessons, children will be undertaking work on Internet safety before creating their own blog. This will give them opportunities to explore safe and polite online interactions.

ART AND DESIGN

After viewing a range of Islamic art at the Victoria and Albert Museum, 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.

PE

During our indoor PE sessions the children will learn dance sequences before adapting them and adding their own choreographed movements. Our outdoor PE sessions will focus on hockey, helping children to use hockey sticks correctly to dribble and pass, as well as how to tackle safely.

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CITIZENSHIP

This half term year 6 will be exploring some challenging and complex situations related to stereotypes and discrimination. They will discuss how the law can protect people against prejudice and what our role as good citizens is. Your child may wish to discuss this with you.