

ENGLISH

This half-term, children will return to studying and creating their own fictional texts – with a focus on historical-based narrative. Our theme 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 accordingly: exploring characters' thoughts and feelings as well as setting descriptions

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.

MUSIC

During this half-term, pupils will focus on ear training (aural skills to identify pitch, intervals, chords and rhythm). Children will learn to play the xylophone and use music notation to develop their ability to read and recognise the notes in a piece of music.

MATHEMATICS

Pupils will begin the half-term by developing their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. They will learn about equivalent fractions and how to simplify them using common multiples and factors. We will then move on to enhancing our knowledge of how to add, subtract, multiply and divide both related and unrelated fractions. The children will subsequently use this knowledge to explore the links between fractions, decimals and percentages. The focus for the remainder of the half-term's maths work will be on statistics. Year 6 will explore and construct pie charts and line graphs before using these to solve a range of problems.

COMPUTING

Pupils will examine how spreadsheets compare to other document formats they have already encountered and begin creating their own spreadsheet, including the use of basic mathematical functions to automatically perform calculations on number data they enter about their classmates.

RE

This unit of work focuses on Easter and will explore the importance of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ to Christians. Pupils will describe and compare what practices and experiences may be involved in belonging to different churches at Easter.

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 understand that the term 'offspring' means the living product of living things and that, as well as having inherited traits, acquired traits can be influenced by environmental factors and learning.

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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.

