

ENGLISH

This half term, the children will continue to think about fictional texts. Linking with our history topic, this will focus on exploring the classic stories found in 1001 Nights (also known as The Arabian Nights). We will be thinking about the stories told by Shahrazad to King Shahrayar – all told by Shahrazad in the attempt to save her own life! We will explore the role of the narrator and write diary entries exploring the thoughts and feelings of these characters.

HISTORY

Our topic for this half term is Early Islamic Civilisation. This 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. We will also learn about architecture from the period and explore the medical and scientific learning which took place.

SCIENCE

Children will continue the excellent work which they began last half term on adaptation and evolution. They will now look in more detail at the work of Darwin and how he developed his Theory of Evolution. Children will learn how animals and plants adapt to their environment and that, over time, such adaptation creates changes which we now know as evolution.



PE

This term, we will continue to exercise outside; our focus will be both hockey and tennis skills. During our hockey lessons, we will think about controlling the ball, dribbling and passing accurately. Tennis lessons will focus on serving, receiving and returning the ball. We will continue to encourage daily exercise as healthy bodies and healthy minds have to work together!

RE

This unit of work focuses on the events of the first Easter Sunday. It 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.

MATHEMATICS

At the start of the half term, pupils will revise converting units of metric measure in a variety of situations. Their next step will be converting between imperial and metric units of length. The next topic will be a review of statistics including interpreting different types of tables and graphs. Pupils will then focus on using their understanding of shape properties to accurately construct shapes. Additionally, pupils will develop their understanding of co-ordinates as well as translation and reflection.

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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 tessellation artwork. They will explore calligraphy and use printing techniques to create their final piece.

COMPUTING

This half term we are introducing the children to spreadsheets, including their history and their main functions. From here children will input their own data, use graphing, sorting and calculation tools and combine all these skills in a project about their home environment.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION

This half term's topic will be 'Celebrating Difference'. Pupils will be encouraged to think about similarities and differences and to consider the question, 'What is normal?' Pupils will think about everyone's right to 'difference', regardless of their circumstances or choices.