

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 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 the city was built in its 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 to both English and Art supported by a visit to The Victoria and Albert Museum.

PE

Indoor PE will focus on developing dance skills. Pupils will learn to demonstrate tension through pattern and formation. During our outdoor PE topic, OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities), 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, the pupils will develop their sense of rhythm and improve their hand coordination on the xylophone by playing popular songs, music accompaniment and melody using music notation. They will be playing lead melodies and accompanying the songs, developing their ensemble-playing skills.

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 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. Homework for maths will continue to be set via LbQ on a weekly basis.

COMPUTING

Pupils will be introduced to spreadsheets. They will be supported in organising data into columns and rows to create their own data set. Year 6 will be introduced to formulas and will begin to understand how they can be used to produce calculated data. Children will use spreadsheets to plan an event and answer questions.

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

Year 6 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.

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