

ENGLISH

This half term, children will return to studying and creating their own fictional texts – with a focus on historical-based narrative. Our focus 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 diary entries exploring the thoughts and feelings of these characters.

SCIENCE

Our pupils will continue work on adaptation and evolution, looking in more detail at the work of 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.

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.

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

The focus for this half term's maths work will be measure. Children will begin by revisiting and revising standard units of measure – which are used for which purpose and how to convert within these units; for example, from kg to g and back again. Pupils will continue by exploring imperial units used for distance and speed and learn how to calculate between the two. The unit will end with a look at area and perimeter and the formulae needed to calculate these, using them with simple and complex shapes before learning how to work out volume.

COMPUTING

Pupils will be using data loggers to gather different types of data from their environment, such as temperature, sound and motion. They will learn how to make this data come to life using spreadsheet functions and graphing, sorting and calculation tools to create a report.

RE

This unit of work focuses on Easter and 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.

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.

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