

## ENGLISH

This half term, the children will continue to think about fictional texts – this time with a focus on historical ones This links with our history topic and 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 – told by Shahrazad in an attempt to save her own life! Year 6 will explore the role of the narrator and write diary entries exploring the thoughts and feelings of these characters.

## SCIENCE

Children 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

During outdoor PE children will work collaboratively to improve and build on their skills in playing rounders. Indoor PE will be further developing the skills of dance, where children will create and perform routines.

## PSHE

Our unit for this half term is ‘Healthy Me’ and begins with children exploring how they can begin to take responsibility for their own health. It goes onto look at outside influences that stress, exploitation and drugs can have on our physical and mental health.

## MUSIC

In music the children will be learning to play the glockenspiel. They will learn a piece composed by Carl Orff which includes a Canon. This will be accompanied by chords and harmony played on the xylophone and the ukulele.

## 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.

## 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 finishing off with volume.

## COMPUTING

This half term we are introducing the children to spreadsheets, including their history and main functions. From here, Year 6 will input their own data, use graphing, sorting and calculation tools and combine all these skills in a project about their home environment.

## 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 the 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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