

EARLY ISLAMIC CIVILISATION

Welcome back from the Christmas break. We hope you are well-rested and looking forward to Term 3. We are excited to announce another exciting topic for Year 5; this term we will be exploring the Early Islamic Civilisation. This topic will give us an opportunity to explore the city of Baghdad and delve into the history of the Prophet Muhammad, the founder of the religion of Islam.

Curriculum

In **maths** this term we will be beginning with a focus on area and scaling, followed by a unit on calculating with decimal fractions.

In **English** we will be developing our knowledge of narratives as well as exploring the use of diaries as recounts and writing instructions. In **guided reading** we will be looking at a variety of texts and videos to help us to develop our comprehension and inference skills, as well as exploring the meaning of new words in given contexts.

Our **topic lessons** will encompass both **history** and **geography**, where we will learn about the Silk Road trade routes and discover the importance of the Round City of Baghdad and the scholars who lived there.

In our **art** lessons we will be learning to create geometric designs using a variety of different materials and in **DT** we will be designing and building our own photo frames, exploring how we can decorate our work using geometric patterns as inspiration.

In **PE** the children will be further developing their movement, ball and tactical skills through tag rugby and taking part in gymnastic lessons. In **RE**, we will be returning to Sikhism, exploring the impact of Sikh stories today; in **Computing** we will be investigating and creating our own EBooks and in **PSHEE**, we will be looking to the future.

Home learning

We will continue to set the children weekly home learning. Each week will consist of times tables, spelling practice and daily reading. Occasionally, there will be some flipped learning that will enable your child to develop their initial ideas, or dive deeper into a concept.

Your child is expected to practise their times tables for **at least 25 minutes every week** (using TT Rock stars). A solid understanding of their times tables can really strengthen your child's ability in Maths. If there is an issue using TT rock stars, please let your child's teacher know, before the Tuesday it is due to be completed, of your alternative method of practise.

Reading at home - both aloud and to themselves - is an excellent way of increasing vocabulary and comprehension. Please encourage your child to have a book that interests/inspires them at home - if they want to bring this book to school for consistency and fluency, this is encouraged. If your child is struggling to find a book they enjoy, we are more than happy to give recommendations and advice!

Spellings will be uploaded to Google Classroom each Tuesday, to be tested the following Tuesday. The children have been given a range of strategies they can use to practice their spellings at home.

PE kits

Children need to ensure they are wearing their PE kits to school on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. We are likely to be outside for some of our weekly sessions, so wrap up warm!

Please ensure that your child comes to school with a **waterproof coat** and a **bottle of water** every day.