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Year 6 Topic Letter – Autumn Term 2023

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Arabian Nights

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to school. We hope you were able to enjoy a restful and enjoyable break over the holidays. We are looking forward to support the children through another term. We have lots of fun planned alongside plenty of interesting learning. Please do display your topic snapshot at home, so that children can learn the facts linked to the topic.



Our topic this term is 'Arabian Nights', a history-based topic focusing on Baghdad around the 9th Century, comparing and contrasting it to Europe at the same time. Known as the Golden Age of Islam, our topic will link to our study of Islam in RE, as well as giving us the opportunity to learn about the construction of, and everyday life in Baghdad, to investigate maps, and to complete a design brief linking contemporary and modern fashion. We will prepare and eat some traditional Iraqi cuisine.

In English, we are starting our topic writing river poems, developing our knowledge of personification. Our two main fiction texts will be *The House of Wisdom* by Florence Parry Heide and a selection of stories from 'The Arabian Nights'. We will be writing newspaper articles about the siege of Baghdad and magazine articles about perfume-making.

In Maths, we will continue to follow the national mathematics curriculum, building on knowledge of place value, fractions, and unit conversion. We will continue to develop our reasoning in mathematics, proving our answers and applying knowledge in different contexts.

In Science, we will be exploring the circulatory system and the effects of diet, exercise, and lifestyle. Our RE sessions will focus on Islam, linking closely with our overall topic. History and Geography will both centre on approximately CE 700 – CE 1260, comparing the Middle East, in particular Baghdad, to Europe. In Art, we will look at pattern, symmetry, using clay, and making 3D fashion designs whilst in DT, we will be cooking and creating models using cams.

Our class PE session with Coach Keeley is Monday 2.30-3.30. Children need to wear appropriate clothing and shoes.

Home Learning

As always, home learning will be set on Mathletics on Fridays to be completed by the following Thursday. There will be 3 Maths tasks which link to current learning. Children are still expected to complete 3 x 15 minute sessions per week on Times Table Rockstars.

It is essential that children are reading at least 3 days per week at home. They are expected to record their reading in their reading diaries, which parents should sign to acknowledge. Please can they bring their diary and the book they are reading into school every day. This forms part of their home learning and will be monitored. Children will be supported to ensure they are meeting this expectation. Great readers lead to great writers!

Please do support your child in completing their home learning. If they are having difficulties either with logging in or with the tasks, please ask them to speak to us early in the week.

Year 6 Team

Lynley Benbetka will be teaching Monday –Wednesday, plus Friday afternoons. Oona Matheson will be teaching Thursdays plus Friday mornings. Jo and Anna will be supporting in class.

Some important dates

Victoria and Albert Museum: Wednesday 20th September

British Museum: Wednesday 27th September

Science Museum: Thursday 2nd November

Hackney Empire: Tuesday 21st November

We will keep you updated as early as possible with dates for any other trips that may arise.

If you would like to discuss anything with us, please do not hesitate to contact us or come in for an informal chat after school. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Lynley Benbetka, Oona Matheson and the Year 6 team