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Year 6 Topic Letter – Spring Term 2023

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Arabian Nights

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope you were able to enjoy a restful and enjoyable break over the holidays. I am 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.

In English, we are starting our topic writing river poems, developing our knowledge of personification. Our two main fiction texts will be the 'The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad' by Saviour Pirotta and 'The Arabian Nights'. We will be writing newspaper articles about the siege of Baghdad and magazine articles about perfume-making, and writing biographies about significant historical figures of the time.

In Maths, we will continue to follow the national mathematics curriculum, building on knowledge of ratio, algebra, decimals, percentages, and statistics. 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, and calligraphy, whilst in DT, we will be cooking, using clay, and making 3D fashion designs.

Our class PE session with Coach Keeley is Monday 2.30-3.30. Children need a PE kit to change into each week.

Home Learning

As always, home learning will be set on Mathletics and Seesaw on Fridays to be completed by the following Thursday. There will be 3 Maths tasks which link to current learning and there will be

one writing task linked either to our whole class or small group reading. They are also still continuing 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. 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 me early in the week.

Year 6 Team

Year 6 continue to have great adult support this term, with no changes from last term. I will be teaching Monday –Wednesday plus Friday afternoons. Holly Kingham will be teaching Thursdays and Friday mornings. During the mornings, Jo and Lara will be in class, whilst Shae and Mimosa will be with us in the afternoons.

Some important dates

Tuesday 17th January – Climate Scientists workshop on the Heath
Wednesday 18th January – trip to Victoria and Albert Museum (back to school 3.45 latest)
Friday 3rd February – Maths Open Morning in Year 6 for parents and carers @9am – 9.30
Thursday 9th February – Year 6 Class Tea
Friday 10th February – Year 6 Class Assembly @10 – 10.30
Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day
Monday 13th March – trip to British Museum
Tuesday 28th March – Music Assembly
Thursday 30th March – International Food Evening

I 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 me, please do not hesitate to contact me or come in for an informal chat after school. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Lynley Benbetka and the Year 6 team