

## English

We will take inspiration from *The Girl of Ink and Stars* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave to write our own myth. After reading several myths and learning about their features, we will create our own mythical creature to feature in our narrative. We will learn how to build tension effectively. In our non-fiction unit, we will be writing a non-chronological report about a hybrid creature. The grammar skills we will focus on are the progressive tense, formal/informal writing, semi-colons to mark clauses and parenthesis.

In Guided Reading, we will focus on a different text each week, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry, to our practise retrieval, inference, summary and vocabulary skills.

## History

This term, Year 6 will be transported through the early Islamic civilisation timeline, from the foundation of Islam and the expansion of the empire in the seventh century, to its political fragmentation and dissolution in the 13th century. Pupils will find out how Baghdad was once the most advanced city in the world. We will find out just how much of modern science, medicine and engineering we owe to scholars of Baghdad's House of Wisdom during the Golden Age of Islam. To end, pupils will consider the potential causes which led to the decline and dissolution of the empire.

## PSHE

This term, our theme is 'Dreams and Goals'. We will share personal aspirations and consider what motivates us to make the world a better place.

## Music

Pupils will continue to learn the clarinet. Some children will perform in the Young Voices concert.

## Physical Education

In gymnastics, pupils will develop their flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance. They will extend their knowledge of compositional principals (e.g. variations in level and direction) and focus on improving performances.

We will also be playing hockey this term. Pupils will develop their understanding of attacking and defending. We will learn how to maintain possession of the ball and how to score.

## Maths

We will begin the term by learning how to divide fractions by whole numbers. This will lead onto a ratio and proportion unit. During this, we will learn how to find complex percentages of amounts, use percentages to make comparisons, find the value of the whole and parts, use scale factors to calculate dimensions in similar shapes and use scales to find distances. Then, we will learn how to convert between metric units and time. Finally, we will focus on perimeter, area and volume.

## Science

In term three, we will learn about light. Pupils will find out how light travels and how a reflection is produced. We will investigate how shadows are produced and how they can be altered. We will then explore refraction. To end the unit, pupils will be able to investigate the impact of filters on white light.

## Religious Education

This term, Year 6 will focus on Christianity and consider whether anything is ever truly eternal.

## Computing

Pupils will explore the concept of variables in programming through games in Scratch. We will create a simulation of a scoreboard and design our own game.

## Art / Design Technology

We will return to DT in term three. Pupils will learn about West Asian produce and explore the smell, taste and textures of typical West Asian foods. We will focus on good food nutrition while also enjoying practical opportunities to apply their skills: creating meal plans for the Caliph, adapting and improving recipes and practising different food preparation techniques.

## Geography

In Geography, pupils will learn about the key cities of the Islamic empire and use their understanding of latitude and longitude to locate and chart these on a map. Children will learn about the Silk Road network and about the goods and ideas exchanged along the routes. Children will also explore city mapping and practise using technical drawing equipment - such as compasses and protractors - to produce an accurate, to-scale map of the round city of Baghdad.

# Early Islamic Civilisation

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