

THE EARLY ISLAMIC EMPIRE

Year 6 Term 6 Topic

Welcome back to term 6. It is an incredibly busy 7 weeks for us in Year 6! We have a number of special events planned and the children will visit their secondary schools for 2 or 3 days in July. Please continue to use Class Dojo to keep in the loop. Of course, we still have our normal curriculum coverage, and our main topic is The Early Islamic Empire! This historical study sees us exploring how Islam was founded, how the empire traded and about the 'silk road'. We will also compare this empire to the Saxons.

Main Areas of Learning:

The first English text we study is the wonderful book *Clockwork* by Philip Pullman. It is a clever, frightening and tense tale which will lead to some writing opportunities! Here we will continue to develop our understanding of grammar, punctuation and spelling.

In Maths, we kick off the term with a range of investigations and problems to solve! There will be Mathematics tasks set regularly in addition to this.

Our science studies focuses on the theory of evolution as we consider how living things can be categorised and have adapted to their environments. We will look at fossils to discover how they give an insight to the past.

For our RE lessons, we will explore the question 'How does faith help people when life gets hard?' This will encompass a range of religious and non-religious viewpoints.

In our wider areas of the curriculum, we will learn conversational phrases and everyday vocabulary in our French lessons. For our DT studies, we will be picking back up our needles and sewing! As well as our Charanga music lessons, in music we will also learn songs for our Leavers' service. We will be travelling to St Mathew's Church in St Leonard's for this on Tuesday 16th June.

Resilience:

Our value for the term is Respect. In our whole school and class worship times, we will explore this area through stories and finding out about people who have embodied and exemplified being resilient.

Key Reminders:

Our PE lessons in school are on Mondays and Thursdays. PE kit consists of white T-shirt, black or blue shorts or joggers and trainers or plimsolls. A reminder that leavers' hoodies can be worn on these days but not on any others. This term we will encourage pupils to access Mathematics and spelling shed for their home learning.

With God, nothing is impossible.

Luke 1:37