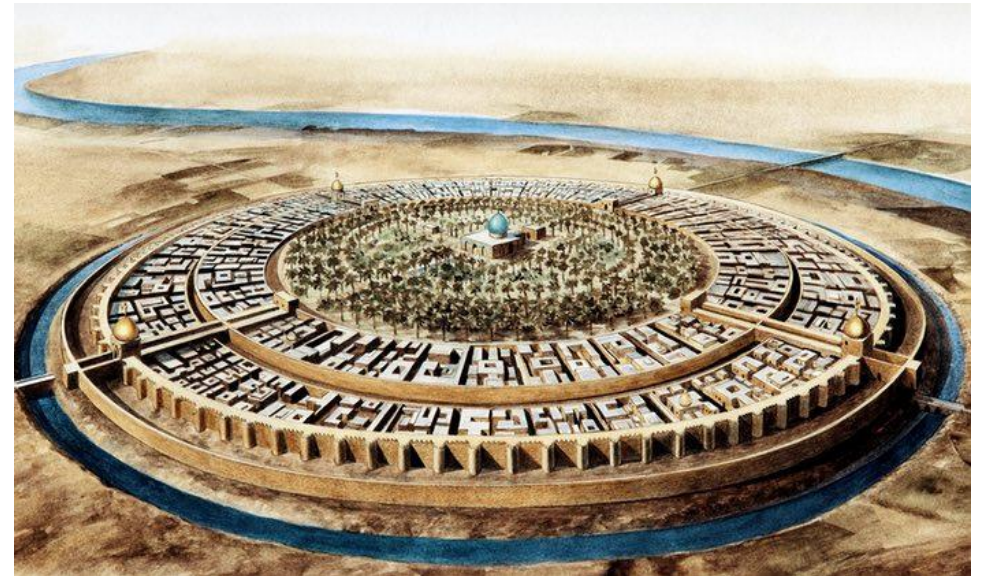


Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents
Summer Term 2019

Early Islamic Civilisation



Neptune Class
Mrs Reynolds

Dear Parents

Our topic for this term is Early Islamic Civilisation. We will use our historical skills to research and learn about the culture and early developments in Islamic civilisation, including how great scholars developed literature, maths, medicine, technology and astronomy. We will also learn about the development and importance of trade to this civilisation. We will use our map skills to locate the Islamic Empire and how it spread throughout the region. We will study the Islamic influence on geometry and algebra in maths, and Islamic concepts of art. There will be a visit to a mosque, as well as our residential visit to Letton Hall.

In English, we will finish the story 'Holes', using this as a basis for writing a newspaper report demonstrating different levels of formality. We will be looking at 'Mirror' by Jeannie Baker to continue developing our descriptive writing and to write a balanced argument. We will be studying Shakespeare's Twelfth Night in preparation for our class play, as well as looking at the final scenes of Romeo and Juliet in preparation for our performance with The Royal Shakespeare Company. Guided reading will continue and the children must make sure that they have completed their required reading for that week, before the next session. Spellings, handwriting and neat presentation in all areas of the curriculum will remain a continued focus.

Our science this term focuses on animals, including humans. We will study the human circulatory system and the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way our bodies function. We will also look at how nutrients and water are transported within animals and we will be describing the changes to our minds and bodies as humans develop to old age. We will explore these areas through practical investigations that will encourage the children to ask questions draw conclusions and use scientific vocabulary to discuss their findings.

PSHE this term will focus on 'Wellbeing and Mental Health', before moving on to 'Prevent & British Values'. The science work this term also covers the effect of drugs, including alcohol and tobacco, on our bodies. In R.E., we will be looking at beliefs and actions in the world, including Humanism, before moving studying aspects of the Islamic faith, to include a visit to a mosque. In French, we will continue working on telling the time, counting, asking basic questions and offering opinions. We will be creating a French café, writing scripts to practise our conversation skills.

Homework will be set on Wednesdays to be completed by the following Monday. There will be a maths, an English or topic task, along with regular spellings. Please continue to encourage your child to complete homework on time and to a good standard. It is important that the homework is completed independently, so that the children have the opportunity to practise their skills. We will continue to set the online maths resource 'My Maths'. If your child is unable to access this at home, computers are available in school at lunchtimes for this purpose.

Regular P.E. will be on Mondays and Thursdays so please ensure that your child has their full kit in school. It will then remain in school until half-term. Please ensure your child has a coat in school for break and lunchtime because the weather can be changeable. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school each day.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me, either via the planner, at the end of the school day or via the school e-mail address. Please remember to check your child's planner regularly for messages.

With many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Reynolds