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Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to share the details of our upcoming theme, 'The Islamic Civilisation.' This half-term, Year 6 will embark on an ambitious journey through history, geography, and art, focusing on the remarkable achievements of the early Islamic world.

To begin our history studies, we will explore a non-European society that provides a fascinating contrast to British history: the Golden Age of Baghdad c. AD 900. Our goal is to develop a secure chronological understanding of this era, establishing clear narratives of how this vibrant civilisation influenced the wider world. In geography, we will be honing our map-reading skills by locating various countries and tracking the global spread of Islam, specifically identifying key locations in relation to the Equator.

Our creative curriculum is equally exciting. In art, the children will be improving their mastery of drawing, painting, and sculpture. We will be working with a range of materials, including clay, while researching the lives of great architects and designers from this period. Furthermore, our "Activity Passport" will see the children learning the practical skill of sewing, and we will enhance our RE and history studies through an immersive "Now Press Play" audio experience titled 'The Five Pillars.'

In English, our focus shifts toward our final celebrations as we begin writing playscripts in preparation for the Year 6 leavers' performance. Our core text for the term is the moving novel *Boy 87*, which will provide a rich foundation for our spoken language sessions. During these sessions, students will learn to articulate and justify their opinions, ask insightful questions, and adapt their register to communicate effectively with different audiences.

The rest of our curriculum remains equally robust. In maths, we are dedicated to consolidating the entire curriculum to ensure every child feels confident and ready for the transition to Year 7. In RE, we will be investigating the question: "How and why are Jewish festivals celebrated today?" while our French lessons will cover accommodation, transport, and holiday destinations. Finally, our PE sessions will focus on "Outdoor and Adventure" challenges to build teamwork and leadership, and in computing, the children will begin programming using Micro:bits.

This promises to be a memorable and rewarding final half-term for our Year 6 students. Thank you for your continued support as we prepare them for their next big adventure.

Helping at home:

As well as ensuring that your child completes their weekly homework, you could:



- Research Islam
- Use atlases, globes and maps of the world to locate countries
- Access IDL (if your child has a home log in), TT Rocks and Purple Mash.

Websites

Islam: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/>

Islamic civilisation: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3tg4wx>

Finding countries game: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zskwxg8>

Recommended Reads

Rosie Raja- Churchill's Spy by Sufiya Ahmed

The Girl Who Stole an Elephant by Nizrana Farook

The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier

Skandar The Unicorn Thief by A.F. Steadman

The Breakfast Club Adventures by Marcus Rashford

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