

# Year 6

## Travelling along “The Silk Road”

Next term in Year 6 we will be exploring the ancient city of Baghdad by immersing themselves in stories and information about The Silk Road which highlight much of the history for the topic.

### English

Reading will focus on Reading for Meaning, exploring a variety of texts that tell us more about the amazing history of Baghdad. In writing, your child will be collecting more pieces for their end-of-year portfolio and writing a short story deriving from the adventurous plot of The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad.

### History

The Silk Roads that connected China to Europe in the 10th century AD were a key part of global trade and development. The city of Baghdad held central importance in this and the children will learn more about the structure (and destruction!) of the city and how it impacted on global issues 1000 years ago.

### DT

**Cooking:** Inspired by the variety of dishes mentioned in the book, we will cook recipes including couscous and flatbread, using different cooking skills and techniques.

### Science

**Forces:** In science we will be continuing our work on forces by learning about water resistance and also exploring ancient machinery, and the science behind what made it work such as gears, levers and pulleys.

### RE

**Understanding the Islamic religion:** the deliverance of the Qur'an, Prophet Mohammed, the Hajj, the Mosque and the Five Pillars of Islam.

### Swimming

Next term, Year 6 will be receiving their usual swimming lessons. More information will follow about this, but just to reiterate that girls need a one-piece costume and boys need swim shorts (**NOT** the baggy variety!) suitable for streamlined practice! All children will need swimming caps with their name written on them **at the front** for identification in the pool.

### PSHE:

**Diversity and communities:** We will begin by reflecting on our own identity and then consider diversity in our local community. Then we will discuss issues such as stereotyping, particularly in the context of racism (as linked to our topic book) and how the media can have a huge role in influencing our thoughts and opinions.

### Dates:

16th April: Back to school

1st May: Bank Holiday

8th May: King's Coronation Bank holiday

9th May: SATs week

16th May: Parents meeting about School Journey 5 -6pm

25th May: Break up for half term

26th May: INSET



## Special Whole School Art project!

A whole school focus on printing next term has Year 6 learning how to cut lino and make lino prints. Their work will be used to create a Year-group contribution to the school's project inspired by the natural world of Dunmow.