

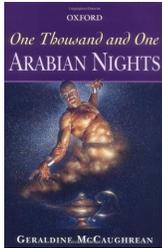
# Year 5 and 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Last term the children worked really hard to become the sort of learners we expect in Year 5 and 6. This term, as we begin new books and challenge the children to present work with care and attention to detail, we look forward to seeing them continue to make secure progress in their learning. This letter outlines some of the main areas we will be covering.

**Kind regards,**  
**Miss Underwood, Mrs Feil, Mrs Hopper and Miss Hentzen**

## English

As part of our study of Ancient Baghdad, we will look at the book '1001 Arabian Nights' by Geraldine McCaughrean and respond by writing:



- ◆ Persuasive letters
- ◆ A voyage and return story

After half term, our topic *To Infinity and Beyond* will inspire our writing of:

- ◆ Explanation texts
- ◆ Setting descriptions

In each writing unit we will study the sentences that help us become descriptive and precise writers, and develop our vocabulary. We will also consider the best way to structure our writing to have the impact on the reader we are aiming for.

Children have spellings sent home on each week which we ask them to practise every day. There is also a list of words in the front of the Home learning book which are important they learn to spell in year 5 and 6.

**How does the community of a mosque help Muslims lead better lives:** In RE, we will be looking at the way the mosque influences the lives and beliefs of Muslims and the sense of community it builds.

## Dates for your diary

**PE:**  
**First half term:**  
Wednesday (Y5 and Y6) and Thursday (Y5)/Friday (Y6)  
**Second half term:**  
Y6—Monday and Friday  
Y5—Wednesday (both classes) and Thursday (Sycamore)/ Friday (Catkin)

**Home Learning books** should be in every Monday when new spellings are added. A project will be given out shortly.

**Please look out for a letter about our visit as part of our RE unit.**

Year 6 parents: **keep your eye out for notification of your child's secondary school allocation.**

## Maths

We follow the White Rose progression for maths at school. This term, we will focus on

- Number  
Y5— Multiplication and division  
Fractions  
Y6—Decimals, percentages, algebra and ratio
- Geometry  
Y5—Properties of shape (including angles)
- Measurement  
Y6—Converting units of measurement, perimeter, area and volume

Children will continue to use efficient written methods to calculate. There will also be a focus on reasoning with their knowledge across all areas.

In addition, year 6 will develop their understanding of fractions.

## Aboard The Flying Carpet

We be learning about the history of Ancient Baghdad and why the discoveries made during that time are still significant today. As artists, we will work to complete a clay tile inspired by our work in both history and RE: using geometric patterns as decoration.

**As scientists** we will investigate materials and their properties. As part of this, we will carry out a range of Investigations and develop our predictions using what we already know and drawing conclusions based on specific evidence.

## To Infinity and Beyond

After half term, our topic is based around our work in science as we learn all about our solar system: the movement of the planets; their positions in space related to each other; the movement of the moon relative to the Earth and the reasons behind the seasons!

As musicians, we will look at the work of Holst and the Planets to inspire our own compositions .

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