

HISTORY and GEOGRAPHY

This term we will be comparing life in a non-European country (Saudi Arabia) with our own. We will be investigating similarities and differences through history, as well as in the modern day. In RE, we will be studying Islam and comparing it with Christianity. Our particular focus will be on Bedouin tribes and culture, and how that compares with European societies. In the second half of the term, we will be comparing land use and resources within and between Saudi Arabia and the UK.

MATHS

Over the course of this term, we will be consolidating areas of maths taught last term during warm up sessions. We will also be extending, applying and using our knowledge and skills in maths in areas including:

Negative numbers

looking at negative numbers in context
counting forwards and backwards through 0
adding and subtracting using negative numbers

Shape, space and measure

identifying properties of 2D and 3D shapes
estimating, measuring and comparing angles
calculating missing angles
translation, reflection and symmetry
area and perimeter
volume and capacity

SCIENCE

Our science topic in the first half of the term will be Living things and habitats. We will be learning about, and comparing, the life cycles of mammals, insects and reptiles. We will also be dissecting plants in order to investigate the differences between reproduction in flowering and non-flowering plants. This will include developing our observation, recording and enquiry skills.

ENGLISH

During the first half of the term, we will be learning to write and perform rap poetry. This will include a study of the features of rap and its history. We will also be investigating how authors build tension and suspense through 'The Mystery of Henry Burdick'. We will be continuing to develop our editing and drafting skills making suggestions to improve grammar, vocabulary and punctuation.

During grammar lessons, we will be learning to use the perfect form of verbs to change the meaning of sentences; consolidating our use of modal verbs and adverbs; using noun phrases to convey meaning more concisely and exploring relative clauses and parenthesis to add detail.

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ART and DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

This term, we will be closely linking our History and Geography topic with Art and Design. We will be investigating texture, perspective and line in drawing and painting. In the first half of the term we will be using these skills to paint a landscape of Saudi Arabia in the style of Georgia O'Keefe. In the second half of the term, linked with Geography, we will be investigating the works of Lowry and making comparisons between different types of landscape.

