

All children – regardless of gender, starting point or background – will have the opportunity to engage with a high-quality history education. They will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and vocabulary to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments and develop perspective and judgement, to provide an understanding of chronology, knowledge of significant individuals and events. We intend to inspire a sense of enjoyment and curiosity about history.

Summer 2

New Knowledge: Early Islamic Civilisation

- For approximately 1000 years, after AD 700, there was an extraordinary amount of activity from Baghdad to North Africa, from Spain to China
- Developments there outstripped those of anywhere else in the world. There was free education, free health care, public baths, paved streets (lit at night), litter collection and sewage systems.
- Baghdad was a great city where really important developments took place in Mathematics and Science
- Baghdad was on the Silk Road, so was a centre for trade, and attractive because of its water supply and fertile soil
- Baghdad was a circular city with splendid palaces, mosques, gardens, parks, and even a hospital. The House of Wisdom in Baghdad contained wonderful libraries which preserved knowledge from ancient Greek and Roman times what would otherwise have been lost. It contained the largest collection of books in the world.
- This was a time when there were lots of amazing inventors living there, many who came from far afield to share knowledge of all things scientific including medicine.
- This Golden Age of Islam left a wonderful legacy of things we use today including algebra, Arabic numerals, mechanical clocks, cameras etc
- Baghdad was a tolerant society with many groups of people from around the world meeting there
- Nothing of the old city of Baghdad remains after it was destroyed in the 13th century but there are wonderful remains elsewhere from this time such as those in Spanish cities such as Cordoba and Granada.



Social Change

Key Vocabulary:

Civilisation
Golden Age
House of Wisdom
Algebra



Technological Innovation

Where does it fit in?

