

Spring 1
and 2
2019



Baghdad



Year group: 4




What did the Golden Age of Baghdad leave behind?
Key Experience: Visit to the Central London Mosque -

Key Dates to learn:

- 762 AD – The decision to build a great city in Baghdad made
- 768 AD – The 'round city' finished
- 800 AD – The city becomes the largest city in the world
- 810 AD – Baghdad becomes a hub for learning and commerce, great scientific and maths advances made
- 900 AD – Paper spreads into the region from China
- 930 AD – Cordoba (Spain) overtakes Baghdad as world's largest city
- 950 AD – The decline of the Abbasid caliphate begins and continues until the 13th century
- 1258 AD – Baghdad destroyed by Mongols



Important people to know:

-  **Caliph 'Abbas – First Abbasid Caliph** - moved Abbasid capital from Kufa to Baghdad
-  **Al-Khwarizmi,** mathematician, astronomer, scientist, provided the foundations of algebra and other concepts
-  **Haroun al-Rashid – Caliph from 786-809,** defeated Byzantines in battle (806), made links with European Empires such as Charlemagne in France.

Possible enquiry questions:

- How did individuals such as al-Khwarizmi impact upon the rise in popularity of Islam?
- How have the major world cities developed and changed since the beginning of the 9th Century?
- How does the structure of a city impact upon the organization of society?

Key vocabulary

- Mosque:** a place of worship
- Mongols:** East-Central Asian ethnic group
- Round city:** built in Baghdad in 900AD
- Commerce:** trading goods and services
- Abbasid:** Historical period lasting to the Mongol conquest of Baghdad
- Kufa:** city in Iraq
- Mecca:** Place of pilgrimage for Islamic people
- Muezzin:** person appointed at a mosque to lead prayer
- Wudhu:** ritual washing
- Hamam:** a bath

Reading Records will be checked every Tuesday and Friday.
Spelling home learning will be given out every Friday and tested the following Friday.
Your child should be reading and learning their times tables every night.
If there is ever anything I can do, please feel free to contact us on: hpiggott@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk or dfielding@ashmead.lewisham.sch.uk

Swimming will continue to be every Monday.
The children will also need to bring their PE kits to school every Friday