



Canada  
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Year 5  
Spring 1 Newsletter



Mexico  
Mrs Bonner

### English

This half term we will be reading and writing narratives with dialogue and biographies.

Children will look at the features of these texts and learn and how to write complex sentences that are correctly punctuated and will then research a key scholar from the House of Wisdom to write a biography on.

In Reading, we will be focusing on core retrieval skills and finding the answers in the text, as well as developing inference skills.

### Maths

This half term we will be continuing to work on multiplication and division using formal methods.

Children will also:

- Convert mixed numbers and improper fractions
- Order and compare fractions
- Add and subtract fractions with different denominators
- Read and write decimal numbers as fractions

We will also continue to practice using the four operations in arithmetic.

### Topic

Our History topic this half term will be Early Islamic Civilisation. We will be looking at the role of Baghdad, the House of Wisdom and how it became a centre for learning. We will also discover some of the significant inventions made and studies which were led by early Islamic scholars and evaluate the impact they made on the wider world. We will investigate the beginnings of the civilisation, how the first caliphate came to be formed and explain the roles and responsibilities of a caliph.

### PE

Children will be learning about yoga and how to create a sequence of positions, learning many of the basic salutations.

They will also be learning to control the ball in football.

### Art/ DT

This half term we will learn about Islamic designs and will create clay tiles. These will have geometric patterns based on traditional techniques and will be painted in a style similar to Islamic artists.

### Reminders

- ✓ All children should read for 20 minutes every night and should bring their reading book each day.
- ✓ Homework is given out on a Wednesday and is handed in on the following Monday
- ✓ Creative homework pieces can be brought in at any time
- ✓ PE Kits are needed on Tuesdays, but may be worn every day for Active learning
- ✓ When it is your child's birthday, they are allowed to come in non-uniform
- ✓ Learn multiplication and division facts to 12.
- ✓ We are a nut-free school, so please bear this in mind if your child brings packed lunches
- ✓ If your child would like water during lessons, they should bring a filled plastic bottle from home, every day. Each morning, they must also bring a bag to put letters and reading books in. Bottles and bags are available to buy from the office, or you can provide one of your own.