

What have the Meadow Class been learning this term?

In the Meadow Class, we started the term by learning about the ancient, round city of Baghdad during its Golden Age, when it was one of the most important cities in the world! Our persuasive texts (Come to Baghdad!) used techniques to encourage people to visit the city and the all-important House of Wisdom, known for its impressive range of Islamic and international books

We studied atlases to trace the route of the Silk Road, where travellers would trade, amongst other goods, silk, spices, carpets, artwork, porcelain, tea, paper.

Our artwork recreated the repeating patterns, shapes and features of the Islamic art still to be seen on buildings in the Islamic world.

The ***Arabian Nights 1001 Tales*** gave us the opportunity to create our own “1002nd” tale! Characters such as Sinbad the Sailor, Ali Baba and Aladdin reflected the themes of rags to riches, greed, good fortune and good and evil.

The theme of prayer led to some very reflective and calm discussion in our RE lessons, culminating in the writing of our own prayers. Thanks to Mrs Taylor for answering our thoughtful questions as part of a discussion group.

In Science, we continued to study light, including an understanding of the spectrum (we enjoyed using a prism in a dark classroom to try to split the light!). Sound is now the focus of our Science, starting with lots of practical work experiencing and changing sound vibrations. We are looking forward to producing our own musical instruments in Spring 2!

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