

Carr Head Primary School - Knowledge Organiser

History Topic

Ancient Bagdad

Year 6

Summer 1

Key Knowledge

Knowledge and understanding of the past events, people and changes in the past.	Tigris and the Euphrates rivers.	The Tigris and the Euphrates rivers flooded, creating fertile land where a new civilisation could thrive.
	Baghdad	Baghdad is a city that was built near the Tigris River, in Mesopotamia, a long time ago. Baghdad was built in this location because lots of people could travel through that land. People came to Baghdad buy/sell things and also to study.
	City design	The ancient city of Baghdad was a round city. In the centre of the city there was a Mosque and a palace. Around the outside of the city were markets and homes.
	Centre of learning	In AD 900 people came from all over the World to learn in Baghdad. Baghdad had the largest collection of books in the World.
	Mongol attack	The Mongols attacked Baghdad in 1258. They destroyed the city and killed its inhabitants. Thousands of books were thrown into the Tigris River and lost forever.

Key Vocabulary

Word (s)	meaning
Mesopotamia	The immediate area around the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.
Caliph Al-Mansur	An important founder of Ancient Bagdad.
Ancient Islamic architecture	Heavily influenced by the religion of Islam. Circles play an important role in Islamic Architecture as they have no end, reminding Muslims that Allah is infinite.
House of Wisdom	One of the places where people went to learn, an institution where Islamic thinking flourished.
Sacked	If an army or military group sacks a place, they steal a lot of property from it and/ or destroy it.

Timeline of Historical Events



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



Know how to...

History Skills and Enquiry	- Place current study on time line in relation to other studies.
	- Know key dates, characters and events of time studied.
	- Confidently use the library and internet for research.
	- Suggest omissions and the means of finding out.