History Knowledge Organiser - Year 4

Topic: Islamic Civilisation- What was it like to live in Baghdad in 900AD?

Key Vocabulary					
Baghdad	Baghdad is today the capital of Iraq and was the capital of the Muslim word.				
Caliph	A Muslim ruler who is regarded as the successor of Muhammad				
citadel	A fortress typically on high ground.				
civilisation	The culture of a particular society that has reached an advanced level.				
enquiry	To ask questions, analyse sources and				
	establish historical evidence.				
House of Wisdom	This was a library or university where scholars from all over the world were				
	invited to study.				
metropolis	A major urban area e.g. city.				
primary source	A source produced at the time e.g. a diary, newspaper report and a photograph.				
scholar	A highly educated person.				
Silk Road	A network of trade routes linking China to the Middle East and Europe, first used to carry Chinese silk.				
Secondary source	A source made a long time after the event e.g historical books.				

Skills:

History:

- Use dates and terms to describe events.
- Suggest suitable sources of evidence for historical enquiries.
- Describe the characteristic features of the past.
- Use more than one source of evidence for historical enquiry.
- Describe different accounts of a historical event.

Baghdad and Islamic		London and Europe					
•	Baghdad population: over 1 million	•	London population: 20,000				
•	Millions of books and thousands of read- ers.	•	Very few books, only rich and edu- cated could read.				
•	Advanced mathematics, Arabic numbers and concept of 'zero'. General peace across	•	Basic mathematics, Roman numerals and no concept of 'zero'.				
	Islamic the Empire.	•	Many wars be- tween Christian kingdoms.				

Key Facts

- In 762, the newly founded city of Baghdad became the capital of the Muslim world.
- The city was known as 'The Round City.' It was built as two giant semicircles with a mosque at the centre.
- Until 1258, Baghdad was one of the world centres of culture and learning. This period is known as the Golden age of Islam.
- The city od Baghdad was destroyed in 1258 after a 12 day siege by the Mongols.

The House of Wisdom

- The place where scholars were invited to record their knowledge in Arabic.
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