

# Pye Bank CE Primary DSAT Knowledge Organiser

## YEAR 6

## Early Islamic Civilisations

## HISTORY

### KEY VOCABULARY

**Government:** a group of people who ruled the country.  
**Caliph:** a religious and political leader.  
**House of Wisdom:** the name for the huge library in Baghdad.  
**Scholar:** a learned person who studies.  
**Golden Age of Islam:** the name given to the period of time from 900CE to 1268CE.  
**Tigris River:** the river on which Baghdad was built.  
**Trade route:** a road or journey on which goods were taken to be sold to other countries.  
**Fertile:** used to describe soil/land which is good for growing things.  
**City of Peace:** the name given to Baghdad.  
**Translation:** when a piece of writing was written into another language  
**Invented/invention:** when something is made for the first time.

### STICKY KNOWLEDGE

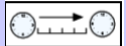
1. Baghdad is in Iraq.
2. Baghdad was known as 'The Round City.' It was built as two giant semicircles with a mosque and a palace at the centre. There were 4 gates connecting to routes from the N/S/E/W. Around the outside of the city were markets and homes.
3. Baghdad was a place of education and trade. It was known as the City of Peace. The Silk Road helped merchants, traders and travellers to travel from East to West.
4. The Tigris was a crossing point for many trade routes. The river also created fertile land around the city which was required for farming.
5. It was a world centre of learning, peace and trade. It included the 'House of Wisdom', which attracted many scholars from all around the world. Baghdad led the way in science, literature, mathematics, astrology and medicine.
6. Islamic art and design flourished throughout this period. Complex geometric designs were fashionable, including tessellating patterns on roof and floors. Circles are often used in Islamic patterns as they represent the infinite love of Allah. The patterns are often repeating.
7. Baghdad was destroyed by Mongols in 1258. The Mongols (originally from Mongolia) were a tribe of nomads who rode on horseback across central and northern Asia. The Mongols destroyed the city and killed its inhabitants. Over 200,000 people were killed.

### FACTS AND DATES

1. The construction of Baghdad began in 762 CE/AD when Caliph Al-Mansur laid the first brick. This was in Mesopotamia. It is built on the River Tigris.
2. Baghdad was completed in 768 CE/AD.
3. The Abbasid Caliphate, under the Caliph al-Mansur, moved the capital of the Muslim world to 'Madinat al Salam' in 762 AD. It later became Baghdad.
4. It is estimated that between c.900-1200, the population reached between 1.2 and 2 million people (the largest city in the world.)

### IMPORTANT PEOPLE

- **Caliph Al-Mansur (714-775 CE):** Al-Mansur was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Abbasid Caliph, who reigned from 754 to 775CE. He founded the round city.



**Time Line:** A timeline shows when things happened over a period of time.

