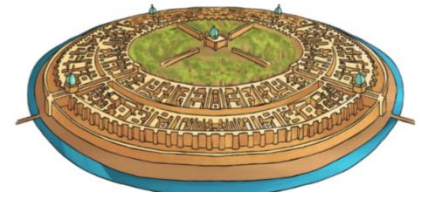
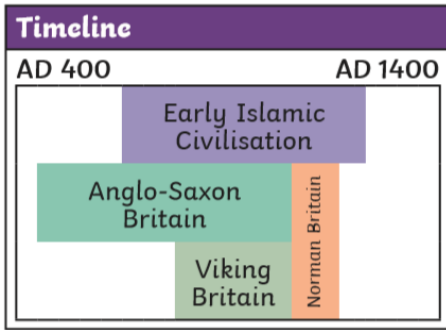


EARLY ISLAMIC CIVILISATION – BAGHDAD AD900



Key vocabulary	Definition
Baghdad	Baghdad is today the capital of Iraq and was the capital of the Muslim world.
House of Wisdom	The House of Wisdom was a library and university.
A mosque	A mosque is a place where Muslims worship.
A scholar	A scholar is a highly educated person.
Prophet Muhammad	Muslims believe that Islam is a faith that has always existed and that it was gradually revealed to them by Muhammad.
Islam	A religion founded by Muhammad. People who practise Islam are called Muslims.
A caliph	A Muslim ruler who is regarded as the successor of Muhammad. Had to be Muslim, male, sane, fair, just and law-abiding.
Trade	Buying, selling or exchanging goods to make a profit.
Dinar	A gold coin used by the Islamic Empire.
Mongols	A tribe who rode on horseback. They destroyed Baghdad.

Key Knowledge and Understanding:

- Locate Iraq and Baghdad on a map.
- Say why Baghdad was known as the 'Islamic Golden Age'. Give some simple comparisons with Europe which was known as the 'Dark Ages'.
- Give reasons to explain why Baghdad was built where it was and the style of the build.
- Use primary sources (text and drawings) that describe Baghdad to draw conclusions about its appearance and what happened there.
- Describe Baghdad in AD900 saying some of the key buildings.
- Be able to say what The House of Wisdom was and what happened there.
- Say some of the key inventions and discoveries made in Baghdad during that time.
- Be able to say what happened to cause the end of the Islamic Golden Age.

Baghdad and the Islamic Empire	London and Europe
Baghdad population: over a million	London population: approximately 20,000
Millions of books, many thousands of readers.	Very few books, only very rich or educated people could read.
Clean water and good drainage in cities.	Very little drainage in cities, water supplies were unsafe.
Advanced mathematics used Arabic numbers and the concept of 'zero'.	Basic mathematics, with Roman numerals and no concept of 'zero'
General peace across a huge Islamic empire.	Many wars between Christian kingdoms.

