

Holly Class Spring 2 Homework - What was the Silk Road and why was it important?

Our topic this half term is about the early Islamic civilisation and the importance of its inventions, discoveries and trade.

The homework suggestions on the next page are just that - suggestions. Your child may discover something during research that sparks their interest and they might want to create something I haven't thought of.

Ideas:

- Create a map of a route with what could be traded along the way.
- Silk is often printed on in a variety of lovely, highly coloured patterns. Can you design a pattern that could be printed onto silk?
- Find out which spices and food was traded. Create a recipe using what could be used from the trade routes. You could even try making it. Take photos and write a review of your dish for a restaurant.
- Arabic is a form of calligraphy - artistic decorative writing. Find out how to write your name in Arabic.
- Islamic art can be geometric (using shapes to form patterns) or vegetal (flowers, leaves and plants). Create your own Islamic artwork. You could paint it or cut out repeating shapes that fit together.
- Islamic art was used to decorate many items. You could make your own clay bowl, plate or tile and decorate it with Islamic patterns.

There is no end to the possibilities. The homework should be something your child is interested in.

They will also be asked to present their homework to the class. This should include:

- what the homework is
- why they chose that homework
- how they researched or made it
- something they learned from it
- something interesting to tell the audience

In need of inspiration?



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