



Year 5 Spring Term

What makes a powerful empire?

Core Knowledge

Certain civilisations around the world were more advanced than Britain in the period circa 1,000 CE.
Baghdad was the centre of the Early Islamic Empire.
Baghdad was a walled, circular city which was good for protection but made it difficult to expand the city.
The house of wisdom was located in the centre of Baghdad and is where people shared knowledge.
Baghdad was located on the Silk Road at the intersection of several key trade routes.
There is not always one simple answer to a question History.

Vocabulary

Empire - A group of territories or peoples under one ruler.
Caliph - The Muslim leader of a caliphate.
Caliphate - A political-religious form of government of a Muslim community.
Dynasty - A succession of rulers of a country or a civilisation.
Export - Goods that a country receives from another country.
Import - Goods that a country sends to another country.

Chronology

206 BCE - 220 CE - The Silk Road becomes a major trade route linking east and west.
725 CE - Baghdad is built by Caliph al-Mansur as the new capital of the Islamic Empire.
800CE - Al-Khwarizimi (the father of algebra) is born.

Prior Knowledge

There were civilisations around the world (Ancient Egypt) existing concurrently with periods of British History.
Some were more advanced than Britain at the time.
The Vikings travelled to early Islam to trade.

Prior Skills

* Beginning to build up a picture of what main events happened in Britain/ the world during different centuries?
* Beginning to place eras from other parts of the world they have studied within the context of British chronology.
* Make links with previous periods of history studied and begin to identify trends over time.

Concept

