

Year Group 3/4: Arabia and Early Islam

Year group:	3&4	Term:	SUMMER 1	Theme:	Arabia and early Islam
Prior learning					Cross-curricular and visits/visitors
Know that: Christianity spread across the Roman Empire. Rome was divided by the Emperor Constantine After the end of the Roman Empire, the Byzantine Empire (another Christian empire) became increasingly strong. Simultaneously, the African empire Aksum was a key trading hub during the fourth century. Christianity spread in Aksum to coincide with the start of Christianity in the Roman Empire. What made each early Christian state special.					
Knowledge - Content					
Makkah – a city in the desert. The geographical position of Makkah. Its importance as a trading hub and pilgrimage point. The birthplace of Muhammed. Growing up in the Desert. Life for the Bedouin at the time of Muhammed. Arabian World before Muhammed. Arab clans and rule. Pagan beliefs – including beliefs about the afterlife. Arab traditions, culture and heritage. Arabian trade and its importance. A New Message. Early Islam. Differences between Islam and the pagan religions of the Arabs. The persecution of early Muslims. Yathrib. Persecution of Muslims. Similarities between Muslim and Christians. Muslim who fled to Aksum. Muslims who fled to Yathrib including Muhammed. Muhammed’s return to Makkah. War between Muhammed and the Makkans. Pilgrimage to the Kaaba. Conversion of his enemies. Muhammad’s return to Makkah.					
Key Vocabulary					
dominated	campfires	Muhammed	clans	matchmaker	turning point
Arabia	recite	pastoral	ancestors	followers	scorned
desert	Kaaba	nomads	heritage	revelations	plunge
Arabs	shrines	widows	Petra	submission	grove
Islam	idols	orphans	reared	submitting	truce
Makkah	pagan	blood feud	oases	in praise of	
pilgrimage	spirits	warrior	fragrant	mosque	
pilgrims	Quraysh	pastures	Khadijah	paradise	prophet
Bedouin	Amina	clansmen		preach	Medina