Year 4 Islamic civilisations (1) Medium Term Plan

National Curriculum Children should be taught about a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history – one study chosen from: early Islamic civilization, including a study of Baghdad c. AD 900; Mayan civilization c. AD 900; Benin (West Africa) c. AD 900-1300.	Knowledge Arabia and early Islam. Arabia before Muhammad. Bedouin culture, trade and life in the desert; the place of the Makkah in the trade of the Middle East and the world. An oral culture and a land of poetry. Stories about the birth of Muhammad. Makkah, Medina and the birth of Islam. Disciplinary focus: change and continuity <i>What kind of change did Muhammad bring about in Arabia?</i>
Lesson Focus	Vocabulary
1. Makkah: a city in a desert	dominated, Arabia, desert, Arabs, Islam, Makkah, pilgrimage, pilgrims, Bedouin, campfires, recite, Kaaba, shrines, idols, pagan, spirits, Quraysh, Aminah, Muhammad
2. Growing up in the desert	pastoral nomads, nomads, pastoral, widows, orphans, warrior, pastures
3. Arabian worlds	clansmen, clans, blood feud, in praise of, ancestors, heritage, Petra, reared, oases, fragrant
4. A new message	Khadijah, matchmaker, turning point, followers, revelations, submission, submitting, paradise, preach, prayer
5. Escape to Yathrib	scorned, betraying, disapproved, refugees, tragedy, jeering, plunge, grove
6. Return to Makkah	mosque, Prophet, Medina, Arabic, negotiate, truce
Synoptic task What kind of change did Muhammad bring about in Arabia?	