Richmond Hill Primary School – History

Year: 4

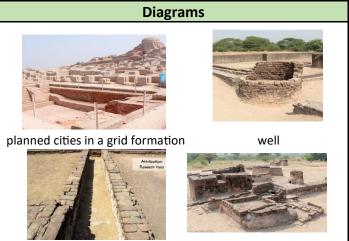
Topic: Indus Valley

What should I already know?

- The chronology of British History.
- The Bronze Age began when settlers arrived from Europe to Britain. These settlers brought with them ways of making tools from metal (bronze).
- Some Ancient civilisations included the Egyptians and Ancient Rome.
- Asia is a continent.

Important Facts that I will learn

- The first civilisation began at around 5000 BC.
- The Indus people created the very first sanitation system in the world.
- The Indus people traded with several countries.
- The Indus people were the first to create an accurate weighing scale.
- The Indus people created a ruler and measuring system with the smallest recorded unit of measurement.



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Vocabulary		
ancient	belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence	
archaeology	the study of human history and prehistory	
	through the excavation of sites and the analysis of	
	artefacts and other physical remains	
civilisation	a human society with its own social organisation	
	and culture	
culture	activities such as the arts and philosophy, which	
	are considered to be important for the develop-	
	ment of the civilisation	
discover	find unexpectedly or during a search	
drain	these allow water or other liquids run out, leaving	
	it empty or dry	
excavation	the act or process of digging, especially when	
	something specific is being removed from the	
	ground	
export	send goods or services to another country	
import	bring (receive) goods or services into a country from abroad	
inventions	the action of inventing something usually a pro- cess or device	
sanitation	this refers to public health conditions related to	
	clean drinking water and adequate treatment and	
	disposal of human excreta and sewage	
scale	how numbers are used in units of measurement	
society	people in general, thought of as a large organised	
	group	
technology	means using what you know about science and	
	how the world works for practical purposes	
trading	buying, selling or exchanging goods	
water reservoir	a large storage space for fluid	

Historical skills and Enquiry

- Explain what is meant by civilisation.
- Can you locate the Indus Valley location on a world map?
- Explain how buildings developed over time.

Timeline

3,300 BC: Farmers come to the Indus Valley and start small farming settlements, they keep cows and sheep.

3,200BC: Indus Valley people begin to use an early form of the Indus signs or Indus script however to date, no one has been able to decipher it.

2,500BC: Seals are used by traders. These are pieces of soft clay used by traders to mark their goods.

1,800BC: The civilisation begins to decline. Cities become dirty and less well-run. This is thought to be due to the river drying up.

2,650BC: Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa flourish. Evidence shows that living was better than in Egypt. Houses were made from brick and they had a sophisticated sanitation system.

2,400BC: The Indus Valley is at its peak.

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