

Year 5 - Collaborative project with the Story Museum and storyteller Jumana Moon

Excitingly, we partnered with The Story Museum, Oxford and Banbury Madni Masjid (Mosque), creating art together for the Mosque's very special library. The Story Museum ignited the childrens' imaginations and creativity through their story telling focusing on stories told in the Islamic religion. This exciting collaborative project has an additional amazing opportunity whereby our year 5 pupils work towards their Discover Arts Award qualifications! During the day, pupils attended an art session with textile artist Anne, and Lisa from the Story Museum. They discussed the exciting project being created at the Mosque and then created leaves of kindness; first on paper, then on fabric. On the paper leaf, pupils wrote a message of kindness for someone special in their lives. The fabric leaves created will be joined together to create a leaf canopy in the Mosque's library.



Jumana Moon, an amazing storyteller, shared stories with the children; stories from Islam from over 1000 years ago that had been passed from generation to generation. The stories were focused on the themes of the environment, Ramadan and on generosity.

Pupils learned how to greet another in Arabic 'salaam alaikum' – Peace be with you – and respond – 'Wa alaikum salaam'. Pupils learned the story of how the road bent because of the generosity of the people of a village ending with the thought-provoking statement: *If generosity bent the road,*

imagine what generosity can do to the heart.



The second story told was about the *Musaharati* – The Ramadan Drummer, which focused on the special time of Ramadan.

The final story told of the importance of caring for the environment with a lasting thought that *'even if the world should end, if you are in the middle of planting a tree, finish planting it'*. This shows the importance of looking after the environment so it can be enjoyed by future generations.