



HOME-SCHOOL INSPIRATION



If you can't go out, why not travel the world from home?

This week we travel to Iran.

Geography

Iran is in the continent of Asia. It is part of the Middle East region. It shares borders with Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iraq, Pakistan, Turkey, and Turkmenistan. Before 1935, Iran was known as Persia. Persia was one of the greatest empires in ancient history.

Tehran is the capital and biggest city. Iran is the eighteenth largest country in the world. It has more than 84.9 million people.

It has varied areas including vast deserts, salt pans, and rainforests and is one of the world's most mountainous countries. [Find out more.](#)

Religion

About 90% of Iranian people are Muslim. The state religion is Shia Islam. It has been the state religion since the 16th century. Find out more about the Islamic faith [here](#).

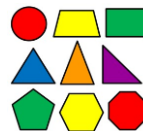
Also, click on the picture for more information including a quiz.



Language

Iran is a linguistically diverse country. Persian (Farsi) is the language of the majority and the official language. Other than Persian, the languages of Iran include Azeri, Kurdish and Arabic.

Click on the pictures to learn Farsi words, (numbers, fruit, shapes and colours)



Architecture



There are many beautiful and famous buildings. Some are ancient and others are modern. Many have intricate and delicate patterns. Click on the image to explore ten, beautiful buildings in Iran. Can you think of ten famous buildings in England or another country? Do you have a favourite?

Bamieh, Persian Doughnuts

These are doughnuts but shaped like churros from Spanish and Portuguese culture. Using floral flavours of rose water and saffron, they are known as 'Bamieh'.

Try making them at home.



Islamic Art

Enjoy creating a [geometric garland](#) using the printable template. The design is inspired by the designs found in buildings.



Find out more...

- What currency (money) is used in Iran?
- Find out about the Azadi Tower. When was it built? Why? How many bricks were used?
- Who is Ferdowsi? What is he famous for?

There are no limits to what you can discover!



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