

History – Spring 1 – The Indus Valley



Year 4

Key vocabulary

River Indus	A huge river in South Asia that originates in China, runs through Pakistan and into the Arabian Sea
merchant	A person who buys or sells goods
clay seals	Imprints of images showing everyday life made in clay
citadel	A strong building in a city where people could shelter for safety
well	A man-made hole dug into the ground for sourcing water
oxen	Large cattle used in agriculture
terracotta	A brownish red clay that has been baked and can be used to make pots, statues and tiles
carnelian beads	A reddish translucent gemstone used in jewellery
barter	Exchanging goods for other goods rather than selling them for money
government	The group who are responsible for making decisions that affect a country/state

Carnelian beads found in Mesopotamia



A statue called the 'priest-king'



Scales used in trade to weigh goods



The remains of Mohenjo-Daro a city built in 2600 BC



Symbols on seals stamped into clay



Indus Valley civilisations

