



Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 4 | Autumn Term 1 | 2025



Dear Families,
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We have a fun and productive year ahead! Teaching in Year 4 this year are Mrs Hickman, Mrs Young, Ms Khan and Ms Patel. We will be supported by Ms Halai, Miss Abi and Mrs Micunovic. We are really looking forward to this year because of all the exciting topics and we can already see the children are keen to learn! Our talented team will ensure that all learning needs and levels are catered for and everyone has an exciting and productive year.

This half term, our topic is on the '**Ancient Egyptians**' and we will be focusing our learning around the key question '**How did the Egyptians lay the foundations for a modern society?**'

Our 'Stunning Start' to launch our topic will be:

An Ancient Egyptian themed day with dressing up, a 'Now Press Play' experience set in Ancient Egypt and a series of Egyptian themed lessons and tasks.

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following experiences, websites and texts:

- Now Press Play
- Horrible History videos
- A trip to the British Museum
- Resources and videos from Key Stage History

Our 'Showcase' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

An Egyptian tomb full of the children's art work (clay sarcophagus and hieroglyphs).

Our 'Shared Outcome'

Year groups and parents invited to explore the tomb.



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

This half term we will continue to develop our writing skills. During our first half term, we will be focusing on how to write a traditional tale, instructions and acrostic poetry.

Key texts: The King of The Fishes

Key skills: The structure and features of a traditional tale and adjectives and adverbs to apply to writing.

Key texts: 'Maat's Feather'.

Key skills: Structure of a instruction text and application of time adverbials.

Maths:

key topics:

Place Value and Rounding, Addition and Subtraction (mental & written strategies, partition)

Science: Our topic this half term is 'Where does all that food go?' It is all about our digestive system and teeth.

Useful websites and texts to support learning in this topic:

Links:

Ancient Egyptians

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg87xnb>

Science

<https://www.science.org.au/curious/where-does-my-food-go>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zv9qhyc/articles/z74rqp3>

Books:

History: Step inside Ancient Egypt - Usborne

Science: The Marvellous adventure of being Human

History: This term we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. Any books, information or artefacts that your child might have are most welcome to be brought in. Children will use a variety of resources to find about aspects of life in the past.

RE: Children are learning about Judaism - What does it mean to be sorry and how can we tell?

Art: Children will be creating narrative art using hieroglyphics, linking to our Egyptian topic.

PE: Our indoor PE topic will be gymnastics, creating bridges using balances. The outdoor topic is cricket.

PSHE: In PSHE, the children will participate in class circle times and work on the "Jigsaw" scheme of work. Our first topic is "Being Me in My World".

Spanish: Children will learn basic greetings and salutations during their introduction to the Spanish language.

Reminder:

Monday and Friday are PE days. Please ensure children wear their PE kits to school on these days and remove all earrings and jewellery.

