



## Year 4 Curriculum Overview for Parents Autumn 1

### Overarching Topic: Ancient Egypt

#### Focus Text: The Plot On The Pyramid by Terry Deary

<b>Subject</b>	<b>What will my child be learning about?</b>
English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• Writing</li> <li>• Speaking &amp; Listening</li> </ul>	Much of our learning in English will link to Ancient Egypt. We will read poems with a specific structure and language features before writing our own similar poems with an Egyptian theme. We will read a range of creation stories then write our own Egyptian creation story. In our non-fiction work, we look at the structure of personal recounts and then write our own, becoming pyramid builders in Ancient Egypt.
Grammar & Punctuation	We will be looking at providing more detail for the reader by using expanded noun phrases in our sentences as well as starting sentences using a range of fronted adverbials. Building on the work from year 3, we will be developing our use of inverted commas for speech and how to use paragraphs appropriately.
Spelling	Spelling homework will not be set. Instead, we will be doing regular spelling work including investigations and dictations. We will be concentrating on a set list of words for year 4 as well as a range of prefixes and suffixes.
Maths	We start by looking at place value in 4-digit numbers, including a range of investigations, different contexts and practical activities. Next we will be looking at mental methods and strategy choices for addition and subtraction, again involving problem solving activities.
Science	In Science, we will be investigating forces which act when materials travel through or across solids, liquids or gas, namely, friction, water resistance and air resistance.
Computing	We will continue to learn about e-safety through the eCadets programme. We will be developing our computer programming using algorithms to design a simple educational game.
Humanities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History</li> </ul>	Our topic is Ancient Egypt. We will look at when and where Ancient Egypt was and compare it to modern

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geography</li> </ul>	<p>day Egypt. We will explore Egyptian society and the role of the pharaoh looking at different people's points of view of events.</p> <p>In Geography, we will explore the importance of the Nile and climate to everyday life in Ancient Egypt.</p>
<p>Creating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art</li> <li>• D&amp;T</li> <li>• Music</li> </ul>	<p>In Art, we will be learning how to use Batik to create a class tomb mural. Children will be designing and building their own chairs, chairs for pharaohs, developing their designing, measuring and cutting skills using wood and other materials.</p> <p>In Music, children will be learning either the flute or a woodwind instrument through the Leicestershire Whole-Class Ensemble Teaching project.</p>
PE	In P.E. we will be learning some Egyptian dancing and developing our striking and fielding skills in rounders / cricket type activities.
RE	Our topic will explore the question, 'How does Jesus inspire some people?' We will discuss some of Jesus's life story, his teaching and how characters in The Plot On The Pyramid could apply some of Jesus's teaching.
French	Our topic is 'Food' where we will be learning the names of different foods, typically French cuisine and how to express simple likes / dislikes.
<p>Wider Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• British Values</li> <li>• Social, Moral, Spiritual &amp; Cultural</li> <li>• PSHE</li> </ul>	British values of democracy, tolerance, mutual respect, freedom and law will be brought into different subjects as appropriate. In PSHE we will be applying our knowledge of the 5Rs by rewriting parts of The Plot On The Pyramid story.
Homework	Project style homework will be set as appropriate. Regular Maths homework will be set using either the MyMaths or the SumDog website. Log-ins and guidance will be sent out at the start of term.
<p>Extra information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• e.g. Trips, Assemblies, Special Days</li> </ul>	Year 4 trip to the Ancient Egyptian gallery at New Walk Museum on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October.