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# Curriculum Overview w Year 4



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## Autumn 1 2019 Ancient Egypt

This term, we are learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We will be linking as much of our learning as possible to our History topic. Our learning will include a dressing up Egyptian day during which the children take part in a drama workshop. We will be exploring how and why pyramids were built, the story of Tutankhamun and all the gory details of mummification!

### English

Our English learning this term will be based on the Michael Morpurgo novel 'The Butterfly Lion'. We will be using the text to explore the themes of captivity and freedom.

The children will be writing a variety of texts including a narrative, a non-fiction text and a diary.

As part of our Out of Africa topic we will also be creating a leaflet about comparing habitats in the UK to Africa.

### R.E and PSHE

This term the children will be learning about Nelson Mandela and they will also be looking closely at the theme of freedom.

### Maths

We will begin this term by learning about place value which will include ordering numbers and learning the value of each digit. This will then lead into calculation practice which we will apply through measurement. Finally we be learning about geometry looking closely at symmetrical shapes.

Alongside these topics we will also be continuing to learn our times tables. Please help your child in these areas, by practising them whenever and wherever you can!

### Knowledge & Understanding

#### Science

We will be learning how humans eat and digest their food. We will be finding out how to look after our teeth and the roles of the different shapes. We will then be discovering how the body processes our food.

#### ICT

We will begin this term by refreshing our E-safety learning. We will be moving on to learn how to use, sort and interrogate databases. This will be followed by



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### Physical Education (PE)

In our outdoor session we are learning about the skills used in invasion games.

Our other PE session this term is gym.

Although we have 2 scheduled PE sessions per week please can you make sure your child has a PE kit in school from Monday to Friday as timetables can change.

### Creative Curriculum

#### Art

The children will be designing and making their own Canopic jar based on the Ancient Egyptian shapes and patterns.

#### Outdoor learning

This term we will be using the outdoor environment to make potions for our canopic jars to "preserve" our organs!

### Ideas for home

Everyday Maths, eg times tables, playing card and board games, telling time.  
Weekly maths homework.  
English-Reading using your child's reading book.  
Weekly spellings.  
Home Learning tasks and follow up from class based learning.

### Reminders and Events

23/9/19 – Egyptian Dress Up Day  
14/10/19 – Home learning in  
17/10/19 – Parent Outcome 2-3pm  
25/10/19 - INSET day

### And Finally.....

Please continue to support your child with their home learning – your efforts are greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing some fabulous examples again in year 4. Also, reading daily does make a difference, so please encourage and help whenever you can.