



## Learning Overview for Autumn Term 2020

Year 4 – Mr Jarvis, Mrs Budd and Mrs Kench

### The Secrets of Ancient Egypt

This term we will delve into the amazing world of Ancient Egypt. After our initial reconstruction of an embalming ceremony, we will begin with the children developing their geographical skills through exploring the physical features, location and landscape of Egypt as well as studying why the Nile was so important to the development of Ancient Egypt. Following this, the children will be discovering what life was like during Egyptian times before unearthing the secrets of the pyramids and tombs. Our history and geography will also influence our art and D.T this term where the children will be looking at Egyptian portraits, learning how to apply the distinctive ancient Egypt style to their art. In D.T and science we will be investigating forces and levers which we will then link to an engineering challenge to build a device to collect water from The River Nile. In computing, children will be further enhancing their basic laptop skills and developing their skills on scratch. We will also continue to explore online safety throughout the year. In P.E, children will be involved in a combination of cricket and REAL P.E where they will take part in a variety of challenges, developing both their physical and social selves. The creation story will be the basis of our RE, where we will continue to consider how we can apply God's teachings to our world.

### English

We will be starting the year with a focus on reading skills and sentence building consolidating previous grammatical learning. Our English work will revolve around the text 'The Scarabs Secret' – a wonderful book, set in Ancient Egypt. Spelling and reading, as ever, are high on the agenda and we will use our English sessions to develop our understanding of texts. As we approach half term we will be focusing on letter writing as we share news of an exciting discovery in The Valley Of The Kings.

### Maths

Initially our maths sessions will focus on counting, place value, mental addition and subtraction. As ever, we will continue to build on our number facts with a focus on times tables from the start. We will explore 4-digit numbers using investigations and puzzles to deepen our understanding. Please continue to work on times tables and number facts at home with your children wherever possible.

### Class Information/Home Learning

#### Reading

Research shows that reading has a huge impact on children's progression in school - please continue to listen to your child read at home and *read to* your child too, recording their reading on their reading bookmark.

#### English and maths

Each week the children will be given a **Maths** and **English** tasks to complete in their CGP homework books. Please see letter accompanying the homework books this week for more information.

### Forest Schools

We will be having our forest school session each Friday afternoon from **Term 3**.

### Other information

P.E will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday this term – please ensure children come to school in their P.E kits on this day.

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day and that it is filled with water (not squash).

Children use their wellies and trainers everyday so please ensure these are named and left in school. Also, please provide a hat when it is sunny.

**Important dates will all be listed on our class page on the website.**