

## English

### **Reading**

We will be reading a range of fiction books in class linked to our topic, with a focus on Ancient Egypt. Children will continue to read as part of a group once a week with the class teacher.

### **Inference**

The children will be developing their interpretation and prediction skills by looking at a range of texts and images. They will need to think of appropriate questions and give relevant reasons for their predictions.

### **Narrative**

The class book is '*The Plot on the Pyramid*' by Terry Diary (more famous for his 'Horrible Histories' books).

We will be identifying key vocabulary, learning how to describe a range of settings, improving characterisation skills and writing our own 'mystery' story based in Ancient Egypt.

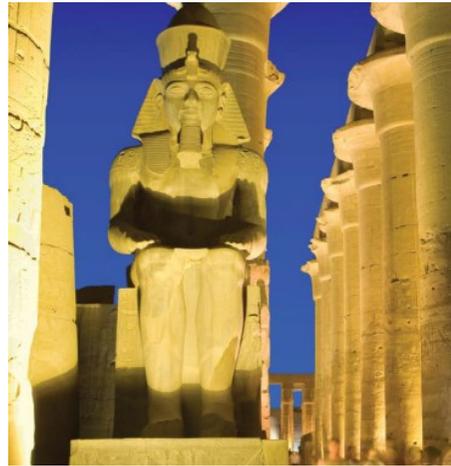
## Computing

The pupils will be using internet research and note-taking skills to find out information about Ancient Egypt.

We will be using Purple Mash to create personalised programs. This will involve animation, sounds, repetition and the inclusion of variables within a program. The children will be working individually and in pairs.

## Art and Design

The children will be looking at Egyptian hieroglyphics and cartouches and producing their own using a variety of resources. We will also look at Canopic jars and the designs of different Pharaoh crowns.



## Humanities

We will look at the Geography of Ancient and present day Egypt but our main focus will be on History.

The children will look at what life was like in Ancient Egypt and investigate what artefacts can tell us about the past.

We will identify the steps within the mummification process and follow the story of Carter and his discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.

## P.E

The children will continue to swim at Harvey Haden pool until Easter 2017.

We will also be practising ball skills, with a focus on Football. The children will be learning how to pass, shoot and work together tactically.

Year 4  
Spring 2017  
Topic:  
Temples, Tombs  
and Treasures

## R.E - Sikhism

We will be looking at the main beliefs of Sikhs, identifying special places and holy books. We will also look at special festivals.

## Music

Year 4 will be learning to play the recorder to follow up our lessons from year 3. We will recap notes, practise patterns and progress to learning a tune off by heart.

## Science

### Sound

Falcons class will identify how sounds are made, recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear and find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.

### The Nature of Life

The second major class topic this term will have a Science focus. Pupils will explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things.

## Maths

Following the Singapore Maths approach, we will continue to improve rapid recall of the 6, 7 and 9 times tables. They will be adding and subtracting numbers up to 10,000, using their number facts to help solve more complex calculations.

The children will then move on to practising their formal multiplication and division methods.

A major focus in the second half of the term will be fractions. Counting in hundredths, adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator and identifying fraction and decimal equivalents.