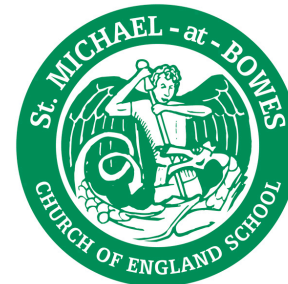


## YEAR 4 CURRICULUM LETTER SPRING TERM

Our topic this term is  
“Ancient Egyptians” & “South America”



### **English:**

We will be exploring a number of genres this half term which include: narratives inspired by our ancient Egyptian topic, diary entries and instructions based on the mummification process. The focus will be language and correctly using punctuation, as well as ensuring the style of our writing is correct for its' intended purpose.

### **Geography:**

During the second half of the Spring term, we will be looking at the continent of South America! The key features of this group of countries will be explored including rivers, mountains and rainforests. The changes to this part of the world will also be highlighted.

### **Religious Education:**

Pupils will be exploring in Spring 1 'What does it mean to be a Muslim?' and seeing the similarities and differences to other religions. Over Spring 2, the focus is 'How does Holy Communion build a Christian community'.

### **PSHE:**

Through the UNCRC, we will be focusing on article 3, 19 and 22, as well as ensuring the children can keep themselves safe from all forms of bullying. This will include Online Safety Day at the start of February.

### **Maths:**

The focus for Year 4 will be applying mental and written strategies for the four main operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division). Using this knowledge, Year 4 will apply it to reasoning problems. We are going to recap fractions, decimals and percentages, looking at these areas more indepth.

### **Art & Design Technology & Music:**

As part of Art lessons, we will be developing our sketching skills in order to show form and texture. We will be 'mummifying' as part of English which will require a number of creative skills. In Music, a number of musical styles and genres will be listened to and this will then be applied to reading and playing formal notation.

### **Computing:**

Basic skills will be taught and refined this term; two-handed typing, formatting work correctly and copy/pasting. These are vitally important in order to help children become computer-literate. More advanced programs such as GarageBand will also be explored in a variety of curricular subjects.

### **Science:**

Many topics are being looked at over the term including the digestive process, the function of teeth and food chains. Through Science Ninjas, we will be recording investigations, making careful observations, taking accurate measurements and using equipment correctly.

### **History:**

As part of the ancient Egyptian topic, pupils will learn about the way in which ancient Egyptians lived and placing key events into chronological order. Both Primary and Secondary sources will be used in order to help immerse Year 4 within this fantastic topic!

### **Physical Education:**

The focus this half term is invasion games which will focus on cooperation skills and resilience as part of sports like netball, football, rugby and handball. During the latter part of the term, we will be returning to gymnastics to recap the skills learnt in previous PE lessons.