

# Ancient Egypt

## Year 4 — Spring Term



### Reading

This term, we are exploring *The Greatest Show on Earth*, a non-fiction text that helps children discover fascinating facts about our world. We will be discussing the themes and ideas in the book while continuing to develop key reading skills such as comprehension, inference, and vocabulary. The children will be encouraged to ask questions, make connections, and deepen their understanding as they read.

### Maths

This term, the children are beginning to explore unit and non-unit fractions, learning how to recognise and match them to pictorial representations. They will also be developing their understanding of what a 'whole' is and how different fractions can combine to make a whole. This hands-on approach helps them build strong foundations for future fraction work.

### Writing

This term, the children are exploring the non-verbal short film *Home Sweet Home* as inspiration for their writing. Using the film's visual storytelling, they will develop key skills including using adverbs for cause, creating imagery through metaphors and similes, and using commas to separate items in a list (the "rule of three"). The unit will lead to the children writing their own detailed object description, applying the techniques they have learned.

### Science

This term, the children will be investigating magnets, forces, and friction. They will explore how different materials behave, testing a variety of objects to find out whether they are magnetic and observing how forces can make objects move, speed up, slow down, or change direction. These hands-on activities help the children build a practical understanding of how forces work in the world around them.

### History

Over the next term, the children will continue to explore the Ancient Egyptians, learning who they were, where they lived, and why this civilisation is significant. They will discover key aspects of Egyptian life and beliefs, including mummification, hieroglyphics, and their many gods.

### DT

This term, the children will be exploring castles and the different shapes used to build their key features, such as towers, battlements, and walls. They will investigate how 2D shapes can be combined and transformed into 3D structures, eventually learning how to create their own 3D shapes as building blocks. This work will lead to the children designing and constructing their own model castles, applying what they have learned about structure and shape.

### Physical Education

Alongside Forest School, the children are also taking part in invasion-style exercise games. These activities help them learn how to keep possession of a ball and understand the different roles within a team, including defenders and movers. Through fun, active sessions, the children will develop their coordination, teamwork, and tactical awareness.

### Computing

Over the term, the children will be learning how to create their own presentations using the Purple Mash programme. Throughout this unit, they will develop a range of technical skills, including organising information, choosing suitable layouts, and using digital tools confidently and safely to present their ideas.

### Music

This term, the children will continue learning to play the ukulele, developing their confidence and control when performing. Alongside this, they will explore music from different periods and cultures, helping them broaden their musical understanding and vocabulary as they listen to, discuss, and respond to a variety of styles.

### PSHE

This term, the children will be learning about how to keep themselves healthy, both physically and mentally. They will explore what it means to be fit and healthy, learn age-appropriate information about medicines and other substances, and discuss how to stay safe in different situations. The children will also think about how to recognise safe and unsafe choices and celebrate the amazing things their bodies can do. These lessons help them build confidence, awareness, and a strong understanding of how to look after themselves.

### Religious Education

Over the next two terms, the children will learn about Christianity, focusing on forgiveness and its link to Easter. They will explore what the Bible teaches about forgiving others, how Jesus modelled forgiveness, and whether this is something anyone can choose to practise.