

Riverside Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter for Families: September 2026

Year 4

This half term our theme is...



Ancient Egypt



Welcome to a new academic year and to Year 4! This newsletter provides you with the opportunity to find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with some ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try to support their learning at home. We hope that you find these newsletters informative and useful.

What are we learning during this theme?

During this half term the children will be unraveling the mysteries of Ancient Egypt. They will be studying who the Ancient Egyptians were, what life was like during Ancient Egypt, the mummification process, the Egyptian Gods and Tutankhamun. In Art they will be creating clay sculptures, taking inspiration from the greats: Thutmose. They have gymnastics and Hockey to look forward to in their PE lessons and we will be looking at the story called Red: A crayon's story by Michael Hall as part of No Outsiders.



Trips, Visitors and Experiences

In keeping with our theme, we are going to have a Dress up like an Egyptian day.

You can also find more information on our Medium Term plan, which is available [here](#). We also use Knowledge Organisers to support learning, which can be found [here](#).

How can you support your child at home?

Every week, your child will receive their usual home learning tasks of reading, spelling and times table practice and the expectation is that these are completed daily. Children will also be given a larger homework task to complete once a week and this will alternate every other week from being a piece of written English work or a piece of maths work from the CGP Times Table workout books.

In addition to this, please find some suggestions below of how to support your child's learning of the Ancient Egypt topic. Why not pop to the local library and loan out some books that link to our theme?

Things to do:

We would love for our children to have an opportunity to find out more about Ancient Egypt

Saffron Walden Museum is a good place to visit.

[About the Museum - Saffron Walden Museum](#)

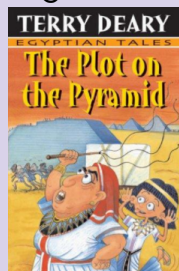
Or if you are happy to go further afield there are places in London you could visit.

[10 places in London](#)

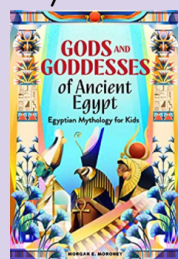
Books to read:



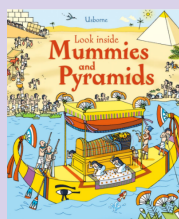
National Geographic Kids: Everything Ancient Egypt



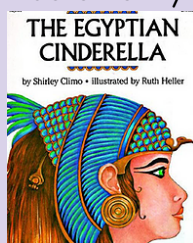
A&C Black: The Plot on the Pyramid



Rockridge Press: Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt



Usborne: Look Inside Mummies and Pyramids



Collins: The Egyptian Cinderella

For many more, please look here: [Best children's books about Ancient Egypt | TheSchoolRun](#)

Things to watch:

An introduction to Ancient Egypt

[An introduction to Ancient Egypt - BBC Bitesize](#)

Who was Tutankhamun?

[Who was Tutankhamun? - BBC Bitesize](#)

What did the ancient Egyptians believe in? [What did the ancient Egyptians believe in? - BBC Bitesize](#)

Exploring Egyptian Civilization for Kids

[Exploring Egyptian Civilization for Kids: Ancient Egyptian Culture Documentary - FreeSchool](#)



Dreamworks- The Prince of Egypt

Parent advisory: This film is great, but it has a PG rating as some parts may not be suitable for very young/sensitive children. You might want to pre-watch first!