



# Year 4 Autumn Term Learning

Welcome to the new Autumn Term 2019. We have an exciting term planned for you and here is an outline of some of the things you will be learning and finding out about this term.

**Maths:** At Threemilestone we follow an agreed sequence of learning which utilises resources from both 'White Rose' and 'Kangaroo' maths. These sequences of learning are linear in approach i.e. learning is blocked in order to develop a deeper level of understanding (mastery). In addition to knowing and applying basic number skills, pupils are also required to reason mathematically, solve problems using different strategies and communicate their understanding effectively.

Parents' help at home is essential in helping children develop and strengthen these skills. We will be able to give you some information during face to face meetings on how you can support your child further as they advance into Year 4.

You will hopefully be familiar with **Times Table Rockstars**, an online App which you can download for your child. We will be focusing on our times tables throughout Year 4 as the expectation is that that they should be secured before the children advance into upper KS2.

**English:** In year 4, your child will build on their learning from previous years to become more independent in both their reading and their writing. Most children will be confident at decoding most words – or will have extra support to help them to do so – and so now they will be able to use their reading to support their learning about other subjects. They will begin to meet a wider range of writing contexts, including both fiction and non-fiction styles and genres. Our exciting **STAR** curriculum on the **Egyptians** this term give plenty of opportunities for diary writing, story writing as well as writing instructions. Research shows that it is still very important to **read to** your child even after they can read independently, so please don't stop! Hearing your child read regularly is also important to develop their fluency and comprehension. Please sign reading records when you have heard your child read, so that we can celebrate progress in school. You will also see your child's weekly spelling list which they will need support in learning.

**Class Readers:** As a class, we will be reading: **The Egyptian Cinderella** by Shirley Climo & **Secrets of a Sun King** by Emma Carroll.

Towards the end of the term we will be reading the **Christmasaurus** by Tom Fletcher. It might be something you would like to add to your Christmas list!

# Year 4 Autumn Term STAR Learning



**P.S.H.E** Every piece has two Learning Intentions, one specific to **PSHE** outcomes and the other designed to develop emotional literacy and social skills. ... **Jigsaw**, the mindful approach to **PSHE**, has a unique lesson structure through the Primary Phase, designed to maximise the learning process. This term's unit **BEING ME AND MY WORLD**.

**R.E:** This term we will be learning about Christianity - Harvest festival celebrations, Moses and the 10 commandments and Christmas. As part of our STAR Learning this term we will also be learning about the Egyptian Gods.

**Science:** During our science learning we will be investigating solids, liquids and gases (states of matter) and planning and carrying out some wacky experiments!

**Music:** Mrs Browning will be teaching an exciting music curriculum that links into our Egyptian STAR learning. We will be taught to sing and play musically with increasing confidence and control.

## **STAR learning Overview:** **WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN**



We have planned a trip to Truro Museum for Thursday 10th October. The trip will stimulate our curiosity into what life and death was like for the Ancient Egyptians.

As part of our STAR learning we will be placing Ancient Egypt onto a chronological timeline of world history. We will be investigating Egyptian beliefs and looking at a variety of artefacts and articles to identify primary and secondary sources.

Throughout our learning of the ancient Egyptians, we will also be developing our Geography skills, by studying maps of Africa to locate Egypt as well as identifying Egypt's key geographical features.

**D.T:** We will be exploring Egyptian textiles and creating an Egyptian inspired item of fashion.

**Art:** Ancient Egypt will give us lots of opportunity to paint, draw and print. Using clay, we are going to be making our own canopic jars.

**P.E:** We will be developing our basketball skills this term with Miss Andrew. Focusing on our shooting, defending, attacking and dribbling. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school all week.

**Languages:** We are really lucky to have Miss Hiberny to deliver the French curriculum this year. Numbers, the alphabet, classroom commands and classroom objects will be part of the curriculum they are covering this term.

**Computing:** Internet safety is an extremely important part of the curriculum: It will continually be reinforced. This term children will be using 'Scratch' to develop their programming skills.