

TERMS 5 & 6 - 2025-2026

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Topic for the Term: Ancient Civilisations

During Term 5 and 6, African Elephants' will journey back thousands of years to explore three remarkable ancient civilisations. We will begin with one of the earliest known civilisations, Ancient Sumer, before travelling along the River Nile to uncover the wonders of Ancient Egypt. There, we will learn about life along the river's fertile banks and explore Egypt's rich and fascinating culture. Finally, we will investigate the mysterious civilisation of the Indus Valley and consider what made it so advanced for its time.



Throughout the term, we will examine the common features shared by these ancient societies. We will explore their origins, daily life, achievements and eventual decline. By studying historical sources and examining ancient artefacts, we will ask thoughtful questions and uncover the secrets of the past.

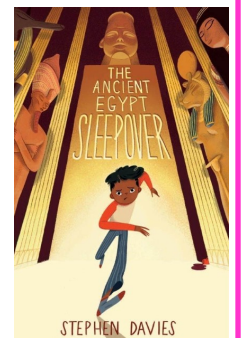


Theme Days/Visits

In Term 5, we are planning a visit to the British Museum, where the children will view its extensive collection of Egyptian artefacts. They will have the opportunity to see fascinating objects such as amulets, canopic jars, coffins, coins, jewellery, mummified animal remains, pottery and scarabs. We will also take part in an interactive presentation designed to challenge common misconceptions about mummies.

Class Text

We will be reading 'The Ancient Egypt Sleepover' by Stephen Davies. Children are invited to bring in their own copy if they wish to.



Homework

- Please read with your child at least 5 times a week and record this in their reading record.
- Learn the weekly spellings, the focus of which will be the Year 4 common exception words and Year 4 spelling rules.
- Practise times-tables up to 12x12. Children are expected to know their times-tables by the end of Year 4.
- We will conduct a weekly spelling and times-tables test which will take place on Friday of each week, unless specified otherwise.
- Complete the **ASPIRE** homework sheet. This is one piece of homework per week as laid out on your child's homework timetable. In addition to the **ASPIRE** activities, there will be one activity from the Junior Duke Awards book to complete.

Uniform / PE Kit

In Term 5 and 6, our P.E. lessons will continue to take place on Wednesdays and Fridays. Our Wednesday lesson will take place outdoors and our Friday lesson will take place in the school hall. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their P.E. kit on these days.

Library Slot

In Term 5 and 6 our library slot will take place on Friday afternoons. Please remember that children can borrow a library book for two weeks at a time.