



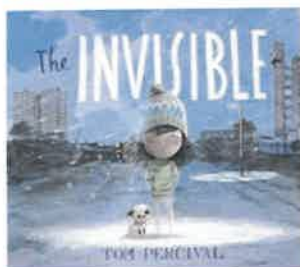
Topic - Rivers and The Ancient Egyptians

Our topic in Geography this half term will be 'Rivers' where we will learn about the course of a river and find out about different rivers around the world. History this term will be 'The Ancient Egyptians' and our key question will be 'How much did the Egyptians achieve?'. We will discover why the River Nile was so important to the Ancient Egyptians and learn about chronology by placing events from these times on a timeline. Our Art lessons will link with our Ancient Egyptians topic where we will design and make Egyptian masks.

English

We will begin our English lessons by focusing on our class book 'The Invisible' by Tom Percival. We will consider the feelings of the girl in the text and write a diary entry and a letter from different points of view. We will then move on to 'Christophe's Story' by Nicki Cornwell. Our reading lessons will be based on reading this short chapter book fluently, showing an understanding of the story.

In our writing lessons, we will write a narrative based on the story and also move onto non-fiction writing, writing a non-chronological report about Rwanda which is where the little boy from the story comes from. We will then move onto our final text for this term, 'The Spiderwick Chronicles'. Through our writing lessons, our key grammar focus will be to consolidate the brilliant basics. We will then begin to build on these writing skills by learning how to effectively use adverbials to show time, place, manner and reason. We will work on using fronted adverbials, marking these correctly with a comma.



St Michael's
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Newsletter – Autumn Term 2026

Year 4

Welcome to the Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter.
This is a summary of the learning planned for the Autumn Term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Mrs Morton or Mrs Brown directly, in the first instance:
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Maths

In our maths lessons this term, we will begin with reviewing our understanding of the column method for addition and subtraction. We will then focus on our understanding of what a four digit number is composed of, using four digit numbers to make conversions between units of measure and to solve various problems. We will also practice rounding four digit numbers to the nearest thousand, hundred and ten.

I would really encourage children to use Times Table Rock Stars as much as possible at home as this will improve the speed of their times table recall.

RE

In Autumn 1, our RE lessons will focus on the key question, 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?' We will consider each part of the creation story and what Christians may learn from it. During the second part of the term, our key question will be 'What is the Trinity?' We will learn what the trinity is and will compare Matthew and Luke's gospels with John's gospel.

PE

Our PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays. Children will need to wear their PE kits to school on these days. In games, we will focus on control of the ball and using the space around us. In outdoor activities, we will focus on working as a team to complete orienteering challenges.



Science

Our science topic this term will be 'States of Matter'. We will learn to group solids, liquids and gases, observing what happens to certain materials when they are heated or cooled. We will also consider the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

Computing

Our computing lessons will focus on exploring how the web works and how to use the web safely, looking at how information can be shared via the internet.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will focus on the question 'How can we respect each other?', first of all considering how we respect ourselves then moving onto how we respect those around us.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 23rd September—Annual flu vaccinations

Friday 25th September—European Day of Languages

Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd October—Parents Evenings

Friday 4th November—Mums' and Grandmas' Maths Breakfast

Friday 13th November — Year 4 Forest School

Friday 18th December—Christmas Service led by Year 3 and Year 4