

Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Ridgeway Farm CE Academy Curriculum Map

Year 4

		Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Value	Thankfulness Generosity	Trust Compassion	Perseverance Courage	Justice Forgiveness	Friendship Service	Truthfulness Respect
Year 4	Inspirational Theme	Inspirational Theme: Children	Inspirational Theme: Diversity	Inspirational Theme: Explorers	Inspirational Theme: Leadership	Inspirational Theme: Creation	Inspirational Theme: Community
		Polar Biomes (G)	Animals (S)	Rivers (G)	Egyptians (H)	Sound (S)	Stone Age to the Iron Age (H)
	Big Question	How are Polar Biomes being affected by climate change and what can we do to protect these unique environments for the future?	How and what do we eat?	What are rivers and how are they used?	Who were the leaders of the Egyptians and what were their achievements?	How do we hear and how are sounds made?	How did community develop from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?
	Experiences and Inspiration	Local walk to explore our local environment	Cotswold Wildlife Park Invite local vet in to speak Christmas in a Box	River walk Creating a river on the playground with fabric	Mummifying Barbie's Creating tombs Sugar cube pyramids Easter Experience in the hall Ashmolean – Egypt workshop	String telephones Waves in water Swimming	Swimming
	Texts & Film	Winters Child		Hope the boat (film)	Gulliver's Travels		CUVE RING STOCK OUMER - CUVE RING OUMER

Writing Focus	Prequel How Winter's Child became Winter Writing to Argue: Persuasion Travel brochure for the land of Winters' Child	Re-telling Write the last rhino's story Writing to Explain: Instructions How to save the forest	Film Write the story of the film Writing to Inform: Recount Series of letters from Hope to the boy	Innovation Create own version of the Gulliver Travel story – going to Ancient Egypt Writing to Inform: Recount Writing a diary entry in role	Sequel Elephants come out of the walls Writing to Argue: Persuasion (Formal) Letter to the wolves telling them to go	Alternative viewpoint Barney and Sti's first meeting from Stig's point of view Writing to Inform: News Report News bulletin about the discovery of a stone age dwelling.
WCR	Leon and the Place Between(Link to Y3 building on prior knowledge) How to Train your Dragon	The Dragon Hoard The Swan Warrior The Polar Express	River Poetry Beowulf	Vikings in 30 Seconds King Arthur	The Great Kapole Tree The Wild Robot	A Stone for Sascha The First Drawing The Woolly Mammoth
Maths	Place Value Addition & subtraction	Measurement – Area Multiplication & division	Multiplication & division Length & perimeter Fraction	Fractions Decimals	Decimals Money Time	Shape Statistics Position & direction
Theme	Locate where the polar biomes can be found using maps, globes and atlases. Locate the countries that the arctic tundra can be found in. Describe the climate in the polar biomes and explain why this is the case. Explain the effect that climate change has on the arctic tundra. Explain why there is a lack of vegetation in the polar biomes.	Children will be introduced to the main body parts associated with the digestive system, for example, mouth, tongue, teeth, oesophagus, stomach and small and large intestine and explore questions that help them to understand their special functions. Children will work scientifically by: comparing the teeth of carnivores and herbivores, and suggesting reasons for differences; finding out	What significant rivers have been studied in previous school years – Thames and Amazon? Identifying key rivers on maps. Study Avon/Ray/Thames in greater detail. Compare this river with another famous European river. Compare similarities and differences between the two. Identify key parts of a river.	 Where is Egypt? When was ancient Egypt? What was also going on in the world at this time? Who were the significant people in Egyptian times? Pharaohs and the system of Kings and Kingdoms. Why was the Nile important to Ancient Egypt? Do people still live by the Nile in Egypt? What structures did the Egyptians build by the 	Children will explore and identify the way sound is made through vibration in a range of different musical instruments from around the world; and find out how the pitch and volume of sounds can be changed in a variety of ways. Children will work scientifically by: finding patterns in the sounds that are made by different objects such as saucepan lids of different sizes or elastic bands of different thicknesses. They might make earmuffs from a	Children learn about life in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, a period covering a million years of history. Investigate how we know about Britain's prehistory and make a basic timeline with the main dates of the periods in Stone Age to Iron Age Britain. Learn about the amazing development of food and cooking from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Learn about the course of events that might have led Stone- Age people to move from hunting and gathering to farming.

	Compare the vegetation in the polar biomes to that of a woodland or forest and explain the similarities and differences. Look at digital maps of the arctic tundra over time. What do you notice? Why is this the case? Analyse bar charts that show average temperatures in the tundra at different times of the year. Explain what humans can do to help combat the effects of climate change.	what damages teeth and how to look after them. They might draw and discuss their ideas about the digestive system and compare them with models or images.	Identify why rivers are important – in depth look at settlements by rivers and why this may be important. Stream study visit – River Ray – fieldwork Exploring purpose and structure of dams. Learn the water cycle and its relevance to rivers, flooding and droughts. Children will be able to link prior learning of Polar Biomes and changes in state to water conservation and climate change.	Nile? Why were pyramids important? How do pyramids help us to find out about the Egyptians? Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun. Discover about Egyptian life and how this was based around the Nile.	variety of different materials to investigate which provides the best insulation against sound. They could make and play their own instruments by using what they have found out about pitch and volume.	Learn about the amazing development of technology and inventions from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and speculate why these changes came about. Research the development of religion in prehistory. Design and build a replica Stonehenge. Learn about the development of homes and settlements from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Investigate life as a villager in those times. Research daily tasks, recreate houses and weave with wool.		
RE	UC L2.3 What is the 'Trinity' and why is it important for Christians?	L2.8 What does it mean to be Hindu in Britain today? (part 1)	L2.8 What does it mean to be Hindu in Britain today? (part 2)	UC L2.5 Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?	UC L2.6 For Christians, when Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?	L2.6 Why do some people think that life is a journey and what significant experiences mark this? (C, H, NR)		
Working Scientifically	 Asking relevant questions and using different types of scientific enquiries to answer them setting up simple practical enquiries, comparative and fair tests making systematic and careful observations and, where appropriate, taking accurate measurements using standard units, using a range of equipment, including thermometers and data loggers gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables reporting on findings from enquiries, including oral and written explanations, displays or presentations of results and conclusions using results to draw simple conclusions, make predictions for new values, suggest improvements and raise further questions identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes using straightforward scientific evidence to answer questions or to support their findings 							
Science	 recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways 	 describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive 	- compare and group materials together, according to whether they		identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something	identify common appliances that run on electricity		

	 explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. 	 identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey 	or gases - observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C) - identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.	 recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. 	 construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying an naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers - identify whether or not a lam will light in a simple series circu based on whether or not the lamp is part of a compl loop with a battery - recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associat this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit - recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being go conductors.
Geography	Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night). Describe and understand key aspects of: physical geography, including: polar biomes. Geographical enquiry Ask and respond to questions and offer their own ideas.		Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time Name and locate the countries of Europe and identify their main physical and human characteristics. Describe similarities and differences through the study of human and		

Use satellite images and	physical geography of	
aerial photographs as	countries.	
sources.		
Collect and record	Describe key aspects of	
evidence with some aid.	physical geography	
Analyse evidence and	including rivers, mountain,	
draw conclusions e.g.	volcanoes and earthquakes	
make comparisons	and the water cycle.	
between locations using		
photos/pictures/maps	Ask and answer	
	geographical questions	
Knowledge and	about the physical and	
understanding of places	human characteristics of a	
Describe and understand	location	
key aspects of biomes		
(forest, grassland, tundra,	Explain own views about	
desert, and ice sheet).	locations, giving reasons	
Describe and understand		
key aspects of different	Use fieldwork to observe	
types of settlement.	and record the human and	
	physical features in the	
Geographical skills	local area using a range of	
Identify some key	methods including sketch	
environmental regions.	maps, plans and graphs	
Identify the position and	and digital technologies.	
significance of the		
Equator,	use maps, atlases, globes	
Northern and Southern	and digital/computer	
Hemispheres and the Artic	mapping to locate	
and	countries and describe	
Antarctic.	features studied	
Devise maps containing		
grid references and keys	Use a range of resources to	
with symbols.	identify the key physical	
· ·	and human features of a	
Environmental change	location.	
and sustainable		
environment	Describe and understand	
Describe and understand	key aspects of rivers.	
key aspects of land use		
and its impact on the		
environment		

		Describe and understand key aspects of the water cycle.		
History			The achievements of the earliest civilizations – an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared and a depth	Changes in Britain from the Sto Age to the Iron Age - late Neolithic hunter-gathered and early farmers, for example
			following: Ancient Egypt Chronology Begin to be able to place events, people and changes into different	 Bronze Age religion, technolo and travel, for example, Stonehenge Iron Age hill forts: tribal kingdoms, farming, art and culture
			periods of time showing an emerging sense of period. – Place overall Egyptian period onto timeline. As unit develops,	Chronological Understanding Place events from period studi on time line Use terms related to the perio
			time period (e.g. First pyramid, Tutankhamen's death) Place events from periods studied on time line –	Understand more complex ter e.g. BC/AD Range and depth of historical knowledge
			placing Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamen in chronology of previously studied events.	Use evidence to reconstruct li time studied Identify key features and ever of time studied Look for links and effects in tir
			Historical Enquiry Use a range of evidence to build up a picture of a past event. Children to be	studied Offer a reasonable explanation for some events
			given a range of sources to explore the past.	Look at the evidence available Begin to evaluate the usefulne of different sources Use text books and historical
			Historical Terms	knowledge

				events Understand more complex terms e.g. BC/AD – explore concept of BC and how this changes the		of a past event Choose relevant material to present a picture of one aspect of life in time past Ask a variety of questions Use the library and internet for
				dating Begin to use abstract terms e.g. empire, dynasty, kingdom, civilisation etc.		research.
				Interpretation Look at the evidence available Begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources – identify facts		
				from the Howard Carter documentary. Look at primary sources. Evaluate which was the most useful source of information discussing validity.		
Art and Design	Drawing: Power Prints	Painting and Mixed Media: Light and Dark		Craft and Design: Fabric of nature		Sculpture and 3D: Mega Material
Design Technology	Structure: Pavilions	Mechanical Systems: Making a Slingshot Car	Cooking and Nutrition: Adapting a recipe	Textiles: Fastenings	Digital World: Mindful Moment Timer	Electrical Systems: Torches
Computing	Coding	Online Safety Spreadsheets	Spreadsheets Writing for different audiences (X2)	Logo Animation	Effective Search Hardware Investigators Making Music	Artificial Intelligence Mirco:Bits

PSHE	Being me in my world	Healthy Mind	Dreams and Goals	Celebrating Differences	Relationships	Changing Me
PE	Mighty Movers (Boxercise)	Dynamic Dance Line Dancing	Gym Sequences	Cool Core (Pilates)	Step to the Beat	Gymfit Circuits
	Boot Camp	Nimble Nets	Fitness Frenzy	Invaders	Striking and Fielding	Young Olympians
Music	Body and tuned percussion (Theme: Rainforests)	Rock and Roll	Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics (Theme: Rivers)	Haiku, music and performance (Theme: Hanami festival)	Samba and carnival sounds and instruments (Theme: South America)	Adapting and transposing motifs (Theme: Romans)
Spanish	Phonics 2 (X) My family (I)	At the Cafe	In the classroom (I)	Do you have a pet? (I)	The weather (I)	Tudors (I)