

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 can we look after our planet for the children of the future?	What impact does changes to the environment have on animals?	Do rivers help us to explore?	Who were the leaders of this ancient civilization?	How do we hear and how are sounds made?	How was society and community formed?
	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 Bristol Museum – Egypt workshop	String telephones Waves in water Swimming	Swimming
	Texts & Film	Winters Child WINTERS CHILD	LAST CHANTS GRETA CHANTS GRETA CHANTS GRETA GRET	Hope the boat (film)	Gulliver's Travels		STIG STIG DUMP UMP

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	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						
Science	- recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways	- describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans	- compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids		identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating	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 and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers - identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery - recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit - recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good 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 human characteristics of a understanding of places 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 and digital technologies. Identify the position and significance of the use maps, atlases, globes Equator, Northern and Southern and digital/computer Hemispheres and the Artic mapping to locate and countries and describe Antarctic. features studied Devise maps containing Use a range of resources to grid references and keys identify the key physical with symbols. and human features of a Environmental change location. and sustainable Describe and understand environment 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	Changes in Britain from the Stone
,		earliest civilizations – an	Age to the Iron Age
		overview of where and	3
		when the first civilizations	- late Neolithic hunter-gatherers
		appeared and a depth	and early farmers, for example,
		study of one of the	Skara Brae
		following: Ancient Egypt	- Bronze Age religion, technology
		5 571	and travel, for example,
		Chronology	Stonehenge
		Begin to be able to place	- Iron Age hill forts: tribal
		events, people and	kingdoms, farming, art and
		changes into different	culture
		periods of time showing	
		an emerging sense of	Chronological Understanding
		period. – Place overall	Place events from period studied
		Egyptian period onto	on time line
		timeline. As unit develops,	Use terms related to the period
		plot key dates within the	and begin to date events
		time period (e.g. First	Understand more complex terms
		pyramid, Tutankhamen's	e.g. BC/AD
		death)	
		Place events from periods	Range and depth of historical
		studied on time line –	knowledge
		placing Howard Carter's	Use evidence to reconstruct life in
		discovery of Tutankhamen	time studied
		in chronology of	Identify key features and events
		previously studied events.	of time studied
			Look for links and effects in time
			studied
		Historical Enquiry	Offer a reasonable explanation
		Use a range of evidence	for some events
		to build up a picture of a	
		past event. Children to be	Interpretations of history
		given a range of sources	Look at the evidence available
		to explore the past.	Begin to evaluate the usefulness
			of different sources
			Use text books and historical
		Historical Terms	knowledge

Art and Design	Drawing: Power Prints	Painting and Mixed		Use terms related to the period and begin to date events Understand more complex terms e.g. BC/AD — explore concept of BC and how this changes the dating Begin to use abstract terms e.g. empire, dynasty, kingdom, civilisation etc. 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. Craft and Design: Fabric of		Historical enquiry Use evidence to build up a picture 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 research. Sculpture and 3D: Mega Materials
Art and Design	Drawing: Power Prints	Painting and Mixed Media: Light and Dark		nature		Sculpture and 3D: Mega Materials
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	Writing for different audiences Logo	Animation Effective Search	Hardware Investigators Making Music

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	Presenting Myself	Family	Habitats	At The Café	The Classroom	Goldilocks