



Streams Curriculum Overview

Term 1 – September 2026

Dear Parents

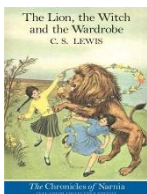
Welcome to a brand-new year in Streams. I am thrilled to be teaching in Streams and getting to know you all!



Our **History** topic this term is Ancient Egypt, which is my absolute favourite! I'm so excited to be teaching all about the Nile, the Pyramids, mummies, hieroglyphics and their gods. I hope the children will love learning about it as much as I love teaching it.

In **Art**, Mrs Nicholson will be working with Streams on Egyptian scrolls.

This term in **English**, pupils will be exploring the book *Secrets of a Sun King* and taking on the role of King Tutankhamun's best friend to write their own detailed historical diary entries. Following this, pupils will be writing advertisements for the incredible edible Stroodle, before moving onto a fiction unit set in Ancient Egypt!



We will have two **reading books** on the go, which we'll be reading between now and Christmas. Our extended read book (for studying) will be *'The Boy at the Back of the Class'* and our class read (just for joy) will be the classic *'Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe'* by C.S.Lewis.

Maths will start with place value – the Year 3s studying hundreds and the Year 4s thousands. Both years will then study geometry and the properties of shapes. In addition, we do Times Tables daily – this term, we're consolidating the 2-, 10- and 5-times tables. PLEASE do support your child by helping them learn these.



In **Science**, we are looking at light and shadow – what makes a shadow, how can we change its size, what is darkness, how can we be more visible in the Winter dark?



In **French**, we're learning how to introduce ourselves. In Streams, we begin reading and writing French so it's a big step-up for the Year 3's but I'm confident they'll be great.

In **RE**, we are studying a unit on Islam, thinking about the idea of 'prophethood' and why Muslims believe Muhammad was the 'Seal of the Prophets'. **PSHE**, we'll be thinking about our relationships.

PE this term is on a **Monday and a Wednesday**. On Monday, we will go swimming and on Wednesdays, we'll be playing football. Please send your child to school in school uniform on both days and they will get changed at the pool or in school.



Finally, in **Music**, we will be learning to play the glockenspiels. We will practise learning different songs line by line, building our skills and confidence so that we can eventually play each song all the way through.

Reading

Similar to last year, children need to bring their book bags (with their reading books and reading journals) in every single day. Thank you in advance.

Homework

These are the homework expectations for Streams. They're not onerous but they're crucial for progress.

- Read for 15 mins 4 x weekly.
- Times Table Rock Stars for 15 mins 4 x weekly. This is crucial for Year 4, with the National Times Tables test coming up in June.
- Topic-based homework.

I'm giving five options for topic-based homework this term. Your child will earn three praise points for a piece of homework, and they'll get to show it in class. Please can all homework be submitted by the final Friday of term.

- Science – make a shadow theatre. See [Make Shadow Puppets - Scouts](#) for help.



- Research and create a fact file about the Egyptian Queen Cleopatra or another famous Ancient Egyptian.
- Create a model of the Pyramids or the Sphinx.
- Create a diary about your weekend.

I'm around at the end of every school day for parents to have quick chats, or you're always welcome to organise a specific time for a deeper conversation by speaking to the office or emailing via admin@ogbourne.excalibur.org.uk. Please don't hesitate to chat. I look forward to working with you.

Best wishes,

Miss Holly Fruin
Streams Class Teacher



Year 4 Term 1

Equilateral Triangles
3 equal sides

Isosceles Triangles
2 equal sides

Scalene Triangles
all sides different

Quadrilaterals are shapes with 4 straight sides

Parallelogram - opposite sides parallel

Rectangles - 4 right angles

Rhombus - 4 equal sides

Squares

Trapezium - exactly one pair of parallel sides

Kites - 2 pairs of equal adjacent sides

1000s | **100s** | **10s** | **1s**

1000	100	10	1
1000	100	10	1
1000	10	10	1
		10	1
		1	1
		1	1

three thousand, two hundred and forty-five
3 thousands, 2 hundreds, 4 tens and 5 ones

In order from smallest to largest

2987, 5894, 6080

4261, 4406, 4540

Stop and look. What do you notice?

1000 less
1000 more

1000 less than 3245 is 2245
1000 more than 3245 is 4245

Round to the nearest hundred

6538 → 6500

Round to the nearest thousand

6538 → 7000

**5 or more - round up
4 or less - round down**

Round to the nearest ten

6538 → 6540

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