

## Core Texts

In English we will be reading Cinderella of the Nile, a traditional version of the fairytale adapted by Disney among others. It covers the topics of slavery, morals, and perseverance. A richly visual tale with a happy ending. Also, in English lessons we will be reading Vajak Paw. This dark tale is a coming-of-age story, that documents a young cat hitting rock bottom and leaving his family. Varjak must embrace his differences and learn from the past to decide the future of his family.

To further support our history unit children will read a diary like text on the discovery of the most famous Egyptian king – Tutankhamun. The story tells of the trials and tribulations that occurred along the adventure embarked upon by Howard Carter back in the 1920s.

### Recommended Reads

Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun – Tola Okogwu



## History

As historians, this half term, children will learn about the Egyptians. We will discuss the significance of their remarkably developed civilization and compare this other civilizations of the time. We will look at important achievements of the ancient Egyptians, including the pyramids and irrigation of land surrounding the Nile.

## Computer Science, Digital Literacy and Information Technology

This term in computing, children will refresh their basic coding skills, by creating mini moving pictures on a theme. The commands will increase in complexity and the number of figures to manage on a page will also increase. Children will talk about online profiles, discussing the importance of keeping particular information - private. They will learn more about how the internet can be used for research and to communicate with others. But importantly, that this can also come with risks.

### PSHE

This half term, Year Four will learn about the different types of family and chosen families in modern Britain. Appropriate relationships and changing relationships within their family will be discussed.

### French

Children will learn how to introduce themselves and start up a conversation. They will learn how to say their name, age and other personal details that can be shared in order to make friends.

## English

Narrative – Setting description - Cinderella of the Nile by Beverly Naidoo  
Guided Reading – Varjak Paw by S F Said  
Non-fiction recount – The Story of Tutankhamun

We will delve deep into the story of Cinderella this half term, discovering that classics often have roots in the traditional tales of other countries. The children will begin to use similes and metaphors in their writing to enhance the experience for their readers. Year Four will become mini authors, writing and constructing their own version of the book.

The children will learn about the royal families of the ancient Egyptian times and how succession and government occurred often leading to disaster and corruption!



## Curriculum Web

### Autumn 1

## The Egyptians

Welcome to the Autumn Term in Year 4! This year your child will grow massively and we will be there, every step of the way, to support them on their journey.



### Music

Through music, we will explore dynamics and texture. We will look at rhythmic ostinatos and learn the vocabulary of dynamics eg: piano forte. The children will have the opportunity to compose their own music, using formal and creative markings.

**Geography** This half term we will learn about rivers from source to delta. This links nicely with our History work on the Egyptians, because their culture relied heavily on the irrigation of land around the Nile River. They will discover how a river works and terminology to describe the different sections.

### Art

As artists this half term, Year 4 students will be studying the work of Sherin Guirguis. She is a practicing artist of Egyptian origin who works in the medium of inks and makes embellished sculptures using plaster.

## Curriculum Enrichment:

We will supplement our RE studies by visiting a Hindu Temple here in Preston City Centre. Year Four will be introduced to the traditions of worship in the beautiful holy building, relating these rituals to the customs in their own home or place of worship. They will enjoy the visual delights of such a place, learning to relax and show respect for the beliefs of others. This year we attend an overnight residential, staying at the amazing PGL Centre, nearby in Winmarleigh. Here children will participate in outdoor and adventurous activities, designed to build their resilience and team spirit. The children are given the opportunity to be independent, dressing, keeping themselves clean and hopefully sleeping away from home!

## Maths

Unit 1 – Place Value of up to 4 digit numbers and numbers with 1 decimal place.

Unit 2 – Length of lines and the perimeter of simple 2D shapes made of rectangles

Unit 3 – Statistics including reading tables, interpreting bar charts and drawing them for a set of data.

Unit 4 – Written addition and subtraction

## Science

As scientists this half term, Year 4 will be learning about the water cycle. They will discover how water is replenished by physical processes that have been occurring for millennia. We will discuss the weather and how rivers fit into his cycle. The children will also begin to study the three states of matter comparing and contrasting the properties of each.



### R.E

In RE, children will explore the religion of Hinduism. We will learn about the traditions around worship and special things that Hindus do during Diwali.

### P.E

\_Invasion games - hockey skills  
Invasion games – tag rugby skills