

## Class 4 Curriculum—Autumn 2019

I hope that you find the following information useful in supporting your child in his or her work at school and at home. With this information to hand you will be able to talk to your child more about what they are doing at school and ask them questions about the specific topics. This information includes the main themes, ideas and topics which the children will experience. Planning is based on the requirements of the National Curriculum, the local agreed syllabus for Religious Education and specific non-statutory guidance.

### Our whole school theme this term is 'Hidden Treasures'

#### Literacy

This term we are starting our Literacy topic with newspaper reports and diary entries linked to **Ancient Egypt** and Tutankhamun. The children will read a variety of texts, deconstructing them to gain an understanding of the structure and language used. After which, they will plan and write their own. In addition, they will write instructions about the mummification process. Next, the children will develop their creative writing skills focusing on myths and legends linked to Ancient Egypt.



Each week the children will be developing their comprehension skills and will be guided reading in book talk sessions, looking at both fiction (*Secrets of a Sun King*, *Journey to Jo'burg*) and non-fiction texts linked to the Egyptians and Black History Week. (Nelson Mandela)

During lessons, the children will be given the opportunity to develop their speaking and listening skills through role play.

Every Friday, the children will be given ten new spellings to learn based on a spelling rule we have investigated during the week. They will then be tested on these the following Friday.

#### Maths

Over the Autumn term the children will develop their understanding of maths using the 'White Rose Maths Scheme'. They will start with number, focusing on place value and the four operations. We will then be focusing on fractions and decimals. The children will also learn about 2D and 3D shape, angles, reflections, rotations and translations. The children will solve word based problems linked to each topic area once they have developed their fluency. Every Friday the children will also have a mental maths test to learn quick strategies to solve problems. Knowing the times tables to 12 x 12 is key to developing their understanding of maths, so any help at home practising would be great!

#### Science

This term the children will be learning about evolution and inheritance with a focus on **Darwin**. They will also develop an understanding about '**All Living Things**.' The children will learn about MRS NERG, the life cycle of plants and animals and they will investigate flowering plants. Finally, they will recap on the human body linked to the mummification process in the Egyptian times.

#### Computing

Through computing, the children will learn about e-safety, programming using scratch, handling data and how to make an animation. Again, this will be linked closely to our topic of Hidden treasures and the Ancient Egyptians.

#### Religious Education

In R.E this term, the children will be learning about Justice and Freedom. The topic will provide opportunities for children to explore and explain the concepts of justice and freedom; how justice is

## MFL—French

In the Autumn term, we will be using the 'I languages programme' to learn about animals, body parts, colours, size, food and shopping. Once the children have mastered the pronunciation they will then turn the basics in to real life situations through drama and role play. We will then progress to writing conversations in French too.

## History/Geography

'Ancient Egyptians' is our topic this term. The children will learn all about The River Nile, farming, Egyptian life, mummification, hieroglyphs and Tutankhamun. They will locate Egypt on a map and learn about the land and how important it is to the life of an Egyptian. They will also **compare and contrast Ancient Egypt to modern day Egypt, the UK and another destination**. The children will also enjoy a trip to the Hands on History Museum in Hull to explore the Egyptians further.

## Art and Design Technology

This term our art work will be linked to our theme of Hidden Treasures. Through a range of medium, the children will have the opportunity to design and make ancient Egyptian canopic jars, jewellery, a sarcophagus, papyrus and a Shaduf. The children will also be involved with making the Christmas display for Burton Agnes hall. We will also be learning about the art work of **Robert Fuller**, a hidden treasure in our local community. The children will develop their techniques when drawing wildlife, focusing on creating texture using different media.

## Music

The children will learn about the music of Ancient Egypt and create a musical instrument. They will then compose and play their own piece of music; a ceremonial piece for the Ancient Egyptian Gods.

## Physical Education

In P.E, the children will develop their invasion game skills through hockey and basketball/netball. They will also develop their swimming skills. In addition, the children will develop their survival skills through wild P.E!

## PSHE

Through laughology, the children will develop their **self confidence**, building on the work from last year.

## Enterprise

In preparation for the Christmas fair, the children will learn about enterprise skills needed to run a successful business. They will then design and make a product to sell at the Christmas fair.

## Homework

Each week the children will have 10 spellings to learn which they will be tested on each Friday. On Friday, they will also receive either maths, Literacy, Science or Creative homework to complete which should be returned to school by Tuesday. In addition to this, children should try and read at least three times a week. This doesn't have to be just their reading book, it could be a newspaper, magazine, a website, recipes etc. Reading a range of genre really benefits the children when we visit different text types at school. Finally, any opportunity to practise times tables would be great, as they help enormously with all areas of maths. Don't forget 'Times Tables Rockstars'. We will also be looking at what's in the news to keep up to date with current affairs. Watching the news and looking on CBBC newsround will give the children a head start if they are interested in what is happening in the world. This will replace the weekly newsquiz.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. I know the children in Year 5 and 6 love doing extra at home so if they do, please encourage them to bring it to school as I love to see what they have been up to.