

Sycamore Class – Year 5/6

Autumn Term 2026

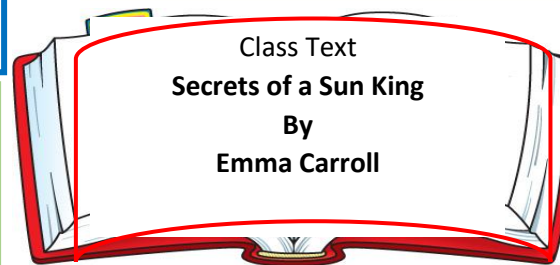
As writers, we will be reading the novel *Secrets of a Sun King* by Emma Carroll: a discovery from Egypt, a cursed package, the untold story of a young pharaoh...will Lil break the deadly pharaoh's curse? We will be writing our own setting description and diary entry using the novel as a stimulus.

As musicians, we will be taking part in an exciting music project with Paul Harris, along with schools across the City of York. The project will provide a full year of music learning through specialist recorder tuition, culminating in a joint concert in July 2027.

As scientists, we will be studying Forces. We will learn about air resistance, water resistance, the role of surface texture and shape, and mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears. We will plan and carry out testing and analyse results to identify patterns and draw conclusions.

As linguists, we will be learning about the Francophone world and carrying out a research project on a French speaking country.

As readers, we will continue to develop our prosody skills (reading aloud fluently and with appropriate expression). When discussing, analysing and writing about texts, we will continue to hone our inference skills and develop our ability to justify our opinions by using evidence from the text. Regular 'Whole Class Reading' of a range of fiction and non-fiction texts will help us to do this, as will performing our own written work.



As artists and designers, we will be focusing on strong structures: building pyramids and sarcophagi.

As mathematicians, we will be focusing on place value up to 1,000,000 and formal methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

As thinkers, we will be investigating the big question of 'What matters most to Christians and Humanists?'
In **Life Skills** our topic is 'Being Me in My World'.

As historians and geographers, we will be learning about Ancient Egypt. We will discover how the role of pharaohs changed over time, investigate the significance of the Nile and learn about the changes in burial practices.

In Computing, we will be learning about programming, using sequence, repetition, selection and variables.

Links to our ARC school values

Aspiration – we will aspire to do our best in every lesson, every day and to fulfil our potential as learners and in all other aspects of our lives. **Respect** – we will treat everyone around us with respect and consideration. We will also respect ourselves by appreciating our worth and looking after our physical and mental health. **Community** – We will welcome new, and returning, adults and children into our Naburn family and ensure that they feel at home as quickly as possible.

PE – children will have **PE every Friday** this half term.

Homework – spellings are sent home each week and times tables should continue to be practised regularly. Additional, voluntary **Home Learning activities** can also be chosen (please see website). Please share your child's work with their teacher as we would love to celebrate it. **Y5/6 should read for 20 minutes 5x per week** and this should be recorded in their reading records. Reading books and Records must be brought into school every day please.