



How can we rediscover the wonders of Ancient Egypt?

HISTORY
Year 4
Spring Term

Overview

Ancient Egypt existed 5,000 years ago when people started building villages next to the River Nile in north-east Africa. It is estimated that it lasted around 3,000 years. The ancient Egyptians were ruled by kings and queens called Pharaohs. Religion was an important part of their civilisation, they worshiped over 2000 gods and goddesses. There is surviving evidence of Ancient Egypt through structures such as pyramids, temples and artefacts. In this unit, we will learn who the Egyptians were and what they did.



Knowledge & Understanding

In this unit, the pupils will:

- Know and understand significant aspects of the history of the wider world, the nature of ancient civilisations, the expansion and dissolution of empires.
- Understand the achievements of the earliest civilisations through an in-depth study of Ancient Egypt.
- Understand historical concepts and use them to make connections, contrasts, frame historically valid questions and create structured accounts.
- Communicate in appropriate and effective ways including written, pictorial and orally.

History skills

In this unit, the pupils will:

- Use historical terminology and concepts.
- Use primary and secondary sources as evidence when answering questions.
- Compare and contrast different themes, periods and people.
- Refine responses in the light of new evidence.

Home – school link project

During this topic, pupils can choose to:

- Create your own 3d pyramid using appropriate materials.
- Design and make an amulet of your choice.
- Create a secret message using hieroglyphics.
- Draw a map of the ancient burial grounds with a key showing important landmarks.

Topic Vocabulary

amulet - an object to protect its owner from harm or danger

hieroglyphics - a type of writing using pictures and symbols

Mummy/Mummification - a dead body that has been specially preserved/ the process of making a mummy

papyrus - a plant from the banks of the Nile used to make paper, boats, sandals, baskets, and rope

Pharaohs - the supreme ruler of all Ancient Egypt, considered a god

pyramids - monuments providing tombs for pharaohs

Sarcophagus - a large stone coffin

scarabs - amulets – often in the form of beetles

sphinx - a mythical creature with the body of a lion and the head of a pharaoh

Working Historically

AD (Anno Domini) - after Jesus was born

ancient – belonging to times that were long ago

artefact - an object made by a human being, typically of historical interest

BC (Before Christ) - before Jesus was born

century – a 100-year- long period of time

chronology - in time order

historical evidence - a piece of information that can help us understand the past

source (primary/secondary) - a book, document or object used to provide historical information