



# Ancient Egyptians

## Fun facts:

- Egyptian men and women wore makeup. It was thought to have healing powers, plus it helped protect their skin from the sun.
- They used mouldy bread to help with infections.
- They were one of the first civilizations to invent writing. They also used ink to write and paper called papyrus.
- The Ancient Egyptians were scientists and mathematicians. They had numerous inventions including ways to build buildings, medicine, cosmetics, the calendar, the plough for farming, musical instruments, and even toothpaste.
- The Pharaoh kept his hair covered. It was not to be seen by regular people.
- Cats were considered sacred in Ancient Egypt.
- The Ancient Egyptians are very famous for building the pyramids, amazing structures created as tombs for the rich and powerful. Incredibly, they have remained standing for thousands of years and can still be visited today!
- People in Ancient Egypt believed in the afterlife and practised Mummification, a process that preserved the body of the deceased.
- They wrote using hieroglyphics, and produced some of the world's first examples of mathematical writing.

## **Learning Journey** – We will be exploring Ancient Egyptians.

We will look at what Ancient Egyptians were really like and discover what it would have been like to live in those times. We will be exploring how the Egyptians used hieroglyphics as a written form of communication and discover the importance of artefacts in ancient history. We will look closely at Egyptian death masks and understand the purpose of these. The children will develop their Geography skills by discussing the key features of a river, explaining its purpose and linking this to the River Nile. They will also build on their chronological awareness of where the Ancient Egyptians fit in history and how this links to our past and future topics.

The children will use their researching skills to find out information about Cleopatra VII, last pharaoh of Egypt, as well as Egyptian Gods and Goddesses, and their importance.

### **Need to know**

River Nile  
continent  
Egypt  
ancient  
god  
goddesses  
pyramid  
mummy  
hieroglyphics  
Mediterranean Sea  
Red Sea  
Egyptian  
pharaoh

### **Nice to know**

civilisation  
Howard Carter  
Cairo  
mummification  
tomb  
slave  
afterlife  
Tutankhamun  
excavation  
Ra  
Horus

### **Super specialist**

sarcophagus  
canopic  
embalm  
cartouche  
Scarab beetle  
Sphinx  
amulet  
Cleopatra  
dynasty  
Giza

## Links to Prior Learning

- Gods and Goddesses for different areas of life e.g. wealth, poetry etc
- Viking and Anglo-Saxon runes
- Knowledge of past, present and future.
- Chronology skills and ordering events.
- Comparison skills.
- Ability to locate on a map.

## Key Texts

- Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx- Joe Todd-Stanton
- Ancient Egypt: Tales of Gods and Pharaohs by Marcia Williams
- See inside Ancient Egypt by Rob Lloyd Jones
- The Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo.

## Links to Future Learning

- Chronological awareness
- Comparison skills.
- Similarities and differences through human and physical geography.

### Family Fun

- Pay the British Museum in London a visit and explore their Egyptian collection.
- Design & make a piece of Egyptian jewellery.
- Research and create a family tree of an Egyptian Royal family. You could also create and present your own family tree.
- Write a list of 5 questions you would like to ask a person who lived in Ancient Egyptian times.
- Create an Ancient Egyptians Rosetta stone and write a message in hieroglyphics.
- Create a bar graph showing how long each of the Ancient Egyptians pharaohs reigned.
- Write a diary of a day in the life of a slave or pharaoh. Make a 3D model of an Ancient Egyptians pyramid.

