

Parent/ Carer Topic Information



Pharaohs Y5

Let's travel back 5000 years to ancient Egypt, cruising along the Nile and entering a world of mysteries, curses and mummies.

This half term, we are going to learn first-hand about the gruesome, yet fascinating, process of mummification. We'll write a report about Howard Carter's famous discovery and use different sources to research Tutankhamun's tomb. We'll also consider whether it was right to open Tutankhamun's tomb, or whether it should have been left as it was. Our work will inspire us to write some exciting Egyptian mystery stories and non-fiction books and the internet will provide us with information to make fact files. We'll draw Egyptian artefacts in detail, focusing on symbols and design features. Studying historical sources will help us learn more about the Pharaohs, the Egyptian gods and ancient religious beliefs. We'll find out about the food that was eaten at the time, making some Egyptian bread. We will also develop our pottery skills by making Canopic jars.



Topic Focus	History and Geography
English	Chronological reports, fact files, research skills, mystery stories, play scripts
History	Ancient Egypt
Art & Design	Drawing artefacts, headwear
Computing	Google slides and presentations
D&T	Canopic Jars, Egyptian food
Geography	Human and physical features of Egypt, the River Nile, tourism
Maths	Place value and the number system
Music	Pirates and Mermaids
PE	Gymnastics/outdoor durability
Science	Properties and changing materials



We will start by becoming apprentice archaeologists, using our discoveries as clues to the lives of those living in Ancient Egypt.



At the end of our topic, we will be expert Egyptologists and would love to share our knowledge with you! This may be over google sites.

Help your child prepare for their project

It's amazing that a civilisation from 5000 years ago still influences the way we live today - from mathematics to bowling! Why not try a variety of fruits for dessert that the ancient Egyptians would buy from their local market? You could taste juicy cantaloupes, sweet dates or flavoursome plums. You could also visit your local library to learn about the amazing world of ancient Egypt. Alternatively, use online maps to look at famous Egyptian landmarks and track the course of the Nile.