

St Saviour's Catholic Primary and Nursery School



Subject: History

Topic: Ancient Egypt

Year: 3

What should I already know?

- Egypt is a country in the continent of Africa.
- The climate of Egypt is different to that of the UK.
- Some geographical features of Egypt.
- That early civilisations changed when agriculture began.
- That there is a past within their living memory and a past beyond that.

What am I going to learn?

- The difference between ancient and modern Egypt.
- More about the Egyptian landscape, eg, the Nile and how it impacted on people's lives.
- That artefacts can teach us about the past.
- Who Tutankhamun was.
- The Egyptian way of life in ancient times.
- Egyptian tombs and burial sites.
- The process of mummification and how and why bodies were preserved.
- How the afterlife was incredibly important to the Egyptians. They believed that by preserving a dead person's body – which they did through the process of mummification – their soul would live on in the after-life forever.
- All about the pyramids, what they were and when and how they were built.
- To learn hieroglyphics as a way of written communication.
- The Ancient Egyptians invented lots of things we still use today, such as paper, pens, locks and keys and – believe it or not – toothpaste.

Vocabulary

Afterlife - The place where the Ancient Egyptians believed they would go after they died.

Canopic jars - Special jars that held the organs of a mummy including the lungs, intestines, liver, and stomach.

Egyptologist - An archaeologist who specializes in Ancient Egypt.

Hieroglyphics - A type of writing used by the Ancient Egyptians that used a combination of pictures and symbols.

Mummy - A dead body that has been specially preserved using embalming so that it won't rot.

Pharaoh - The supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt. He or she was considered a God.

Tutankhamun - A Pharaoh of Egypt that is famous for his tomb that was discovered. The tomb was largely untouched and was full of treasure.

Pyramid - A giant tomb built for the Pharaohs of Egypt. It was made from stone and had four sides that came to a point at the top in a pyramid shape.



Useful Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq87xnb>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqY-wAH4Wg>

<https://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Egypt.html>

