



Topic: Land of the Pharaohs

Year: 3

Term: Summer 2

Background Information

- Previous knowledge of Egypt—which continent it is in, along with the geographical features of the country and to be able to recognise the Egyptian flag.

Diagrams / Timelines / Photos



Canopic Jars



Tutankhamun's sarcophagus



Example of hieroglyphics

Interesting facts

- Ancient Egypt was one of the greatest and most powerful civilizations in the history of the world. It lasted for over 3000 years from 3150 BC to 30 BC.
- Tutankhamun was one of the most spoilt and richest Pharaoh's of the Ancient Egyptian era. His coffin clearly showed his wealth because it was made of solid gold.
- But one coffin wasn't enough, so Tutankhamun buried himself in three coffins (2 covered in gold, 1 made of gold), that were inside 1 Sarcophagus, which was buried in 4 different shrines, inside his massive Tomb!
- Ancient Egyptians believed that there was a curse of Tutankhamun which was said that anyone who disturbs any Pharaoh's body would receive the curse which gave them bad luck, illness or even death.
- Cleopatra was the last pharaoh of Egypt before the Romans took over in approx. 300BC.
- Pharaohs of Egypt were often buried in giant pyramids or secret tombs. They believed they needed treasure to be buried with them to help them in the afterlife.
- Both Egyptian men and women wore make-up. The eye-paint was usually green (made from copper) or black (made from lead). As well as offering protection from the sun, the Egyptians believed make-up had magical healing powers, too!
- Cats were considered to be a sacred animal by the Ancient Egyptians. It's thought that most families kept a cat as a pet, which they believed would bring the household good luck

Key Vocabulary

Afterlife	The place where Egyptians believed they would go after they died.
Akhet	The season of the year when the Nile flooded. A very important time of the year for the desert!
Canopic Jars	Special jars that held the organs of a mummy including the lungs, intestines, liver and stomach.
Dynasty	A period of rule when a series of Pharaohs all come from the same family.
Hieroglyphics	A type of writing that used a combination of pictures and symbols.
Mummification	The process of preserving a body after death in preparation for the afterlife.
Papyrus	A plant that grew on the banks of the Nile. It was used as an early version of paper.
Pharaoh	The supreme ruler of all Ancient Egypt.
Sarcophagus	A large stone box that held a mummy's coffin. Often richly decorated.
Tombs	Ancient Egypt is known for its magnificent and beautiful tombs. The most well known are the Valley of the Kings.
Pyramid	A structure with a square or triangular base and sloping sides that meet in a point at the top, especially one built of stone, such as a royal tomb in ancient Egypt.

Know how to / Activity

- Research the Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic alphabet. Can you spell your name using hieroglyphics?
- Can you build a pyramid? What are the best materials to use?