

Ancient Egypt

History:

- Add the Ancient Egyptians on a class timeline and explore the timeline of famous pharaohs.

Prior learning: When adding the Ancient Egyptians onto a timeline, we look at other key events we have learnt about: Shang Dynasty (yr4), Ancient Greeks (yr4), Stone Age (yr3), Romans (yr3), Great fire of London (yr2) and the moon landings (yr1).

- Learn about the Ancient Egyptian hierarchy worked and what life was like as an Egyptian, including the importance of farming and the River Nile.

Prior learning: Consider the differences between Ancient Egyptian society and those of the Shang Dynasty (Y4) and the Stone Age (Y3)

- Learn about Mummification as a process in which bodies were prepared for the 'after life' with the use of embalming, natron and Canopic jars to store the organs and understand why Egyptian Gods were so important.
- Learn about the Pyramids of Giza and how they were used as burial chambers for Pharaohs and their treasures. Research Howard Carter and the importance of discovering Tutankhamun's tomb.

Prior learning: We learnt about the Terracotta Army (Y4 Shang Dynasty) and how they buried figures with their King to protect him in the afterlife.

Geography:

- We will identify Egypt on a map and its surrounding countries and seas.

Prior learning: Africa in Year 3

- Learn about the historical flooding of the River Nile and its economic benefits for Ancient Egyptians

Prior learning: Learning the settlement around Yellow River in Shang Dynasty (Y4)

Art:

- Mold, shape and etch two separate balls of clay to create a canopic jar and lid in the shape of an Ancient Egyptian god.

Prior learning: Using clay to create a Terracotta warrior (Y4 Shang Dynasty)

Vocabulary

Hierarchy- The organisation of people of different importance in a society.

Embalming- To treat a dead body to prevent it from decay.

Hieroglyphics- A writing system consisting of symbols used by the Ancient Egyptians.

Cartouche- A name plate attached to a sarcophagus.

Sarcophagus- A stone coffin.

Concepts

Letters- Writing was developed during the Ancient Egyptian times. They did not write on paper as we have it today, but papyrus paper.

Society- Understanding the hierarchical society with different classes and privileges.