

Ancient Egypt- Yr 5/6



National Curriculum links and rationale

An overview of where and when the first Ancient Egyptian civilizations appeared and an overview of some of their achievements.

Key vocabulary/ terms

Artefacts- An object made by human beings.

Canopic jar-Jar used during mummification process to hold the body's organs.

Excavation- To dig in the ground to discover old buildings or objects that have been buried for a long time.

Hieroglyphics Symbols- used by Ancient Egyptians to convey messages.

Mummification- A way of preserving a body after death.

Papyrus- Paper made from the stems of the papyrus plant.

Pharaoh- A ruler of Ancient Egypt.

River Nile -The longest river in Africa which flows through Egypt.

Sarcophagus-stone coffin.



Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamun's burial chamber in the Valley of the Kings.

School links and rationale

During this unit, the children will become experts in Ancient Egyptian lives. They will learn about Pyramids, burials and mummification, Tutan Khamun and his discovery by Howard Carter. The children will work collaboratively and learn acceptance of other cultures.

The Great Pyramids of Giza—contain burial chambers of pharaohs and their queens. Was the tallest man-made structure for almost 4000 years.



Mummification—a process of preserving bodies for use in the afterlife.



Egypt is a country on the continent of Africa. Ancient Egypt means what that country was like a long time ago—before 500AD.

