

Highgate Community Primary School – Year 4 Ancient Egypt

Vocabulary

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| Afterlife | The place where Egyptians believe they go after death. |
| Canopic Jar | Special jars that held the organs of the mummies including lungs, intestines, liver and stomach. |
| Hieroglyphics | A type of writing which consists of a mixture of pictures and symbols. |
| Mummification | The process of preserving a body after death for the afterlife |
| Tomb | A large grave that sits above the ground. |
| Pyramid | A building with triangular sides, built as an Egyptian tomb. |
| Papyrus | The plant that grew on the banks of the Nile, it was used as paper. |
| Pharaoh | The King or Queen (ruler) of Egypt. |
| Sarcophagus | A large stone box that held a mummies coffin. |

Key Knowledge

- River Nile was so important to the Egyptians (provided transport and trade opportunities, fertile ground for crops and a supply of fresh food and water).
- Hieroglyphs were a form of Ancient Egyptian writing, that we have been able to read since the discovery of the Rosetta Stone.
- There were many different roles in Ancient Egyptian societies from slaves to Pharaohs.
- A pyramid was a tomb that held the body of a dead Pharaoh. Pyramids could take over twenty years to build as they had to use tools and build by hand.
- The Book of the Dead was a collection of magic spells placed in the tombs of wealthy people to give them a safe journey to the afterlife.

Famous Pharaohs

Tutankhamun – He was the youngest Pharaoh and was well known for his burial in the Valley of the Kings.

Ramses II – He is often known as Ramses the great, his mummy still rests in Cairo's Egyptian Museum. He built more statues and temples than any other Pharaoh.

Cleopatra VII – She is often considered the last Pharaoh of Egypt. She kept the power by making alliances with famous Roman's such as Julius Caesar.

An example of hieroglyphics.



Map of Egypt



Cairo is the capital of Egypt.
 The River Nile is the longest river in the world.
 People settled near the Nile as it was a useful source of water (used for drinking, washing, watering crops)

Timeline and Ancient Egyptian Gods

| 6000 B.C. | 5000 B.C. | 4500 B.C. | 3500 B.C. | 3000 B.C. | 2500 B.C. | 1500 B.C. | 1325 B.C. | 332 B.C. | 30 B.C. |
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| People settle near the River Nile | Farmed wheat, barley and cattle | Use of sails for the first time | First use of hieroglyphics | Buildings of mud brick | Sphinx and Giza Pyramids | Valley of the Kings tombs built | King Tutankhamun buried | Alexander the Great rules | Death of Cleopatra |



Isis
Mother Goddess, Goddess of Protection and Healing

Key Gods (but there were MANY more)

Osiris
God of Death and the Afterlife



