

Year 5

Autumn Term

Ancient Egypt



Our first topic of the academic year begins with an Ancient Egyptian workshop led by Past Productions. The children will be immersed into the world of Ancient Egypt and cover a range of topics, including:

- Introductions to Egyptians
- Gods
- Tutankhamun
- Daily Life
- Farming
- After Life
- The River Nile
- Fashion & Jewellery

The children will participate in a variety of exciting activities, including:

- Handling Egyptian artefacts
- Making a piece of Egyptian jewellery
- Participating in drama and role-play
- Partaking in Ancient Egyptian games
- Joining in a "Big Quiz" to rounds off the days learning



After our Ancient Egyptian workshop, the children will move onto the subject of History where the children will first learn about the earliest settlers of the Nile and their reasons for settling there. Next, the children will be introduced to the world of Pharaohs, the power struggles within to maintain power and the dynasties that stemmed from this world. After, the children will look in more detail at the most famous of Pharaohs, Tutankhamun, where they will research his life story and develop an understanding of why he was and remains a significant figure with Ancient Egyptian history. Finally, the children will explore the rituals of early burials within Ancient Egypt before moving onto their next subject, DT.



Following on from History, the children will continue to look at the importance of early burials by studying the value of pyramids in Egyptian culture and their development over time. The children will then create their own detailed pyramid designs that they will use to build their own 3D pyramids using materials of their choice. This will lead the children into their next subject, Geography.

To start their unit of Geography study, the children will continue with the theme of pyramids and examine aerial images of Egypt in order to gain an understanding of how Egyptian civilisation impacted on the landscape. Next, the children will explore the importance of the river Nile to Egyptian society, in particular, the role it played in farming. Finally, the children will describe how the weather and climate of Egypt affected land use and food production.



Throughout the topic, children will participate in Art lessons every Friday with the art work produced linking to our topic. The pieces of artwork that children will cover throughout the topic include, creating their own Pharaoh masks, creating personalised cartouches using hieroglyphics, designing and making their own Canopic jars.

The children will then display their learning and wonderful artwork in a museum-style exhibition where they can share their learning about Ancient Egypt with their classmates, friends and family.