

Owls Class: Term 1: Ancient Egypt- Pharaohs



Let's travel back 5000 years to ancient Egypt, cruising along the Nile and entering a world of mysteries, curses and mummies.

Humanities

We will learn about what life was like during Ancient Egyptian times. We will be going to learn first-hand about the gruesome, yet fascinating, process of mummification and explore Ancient Egyptian beliefs surrounding this. We will research the roles of a Pharaoh and identify some different Pharaohs. We will then focus on Tutankhamun and make inferences from different sources of information regarding the artefacts that were found inside the tomb.

In English, we will write a set of instructions based on our learning on mummification. Then we will write a newspaper report about Howard Carter's famous discovery and use different sources to research Tutankhamun's tomb. We will also be reading the text "Secrets of a Sun King" which links well with our history and English lessons.

In Maths, this term we will be focusing on place value, the written methods for addition and subtraction and angles.

In Art, we will be researching different masks that were used during Ancient Egyptian times and then designing and creating our own masks using collage. We will also be using different materials to create 3D elements to our masks.

In computing, we will be using Purple Mash to develop our coding skills.

In Science, our topic is linked to Forces. We will be learning about different forces and the impact that they can have. We will be learning about the work of several scientists and planning and conducting our own investigations.

In PSHE, we will be looking at friendships and peer pressure.

In music, we will be completing a unit which looks at melody and Harmony.

PE will be taught on Monday (Mr Unwin and Miss Skidmore) and Thursday (Miss Skidmore). We will be covering basketball and volleyball.

Help your child prepare for their project

It's amazing that a civilisation from 5000 years ago still influences the way we live today, from mathematics to bowling! Why not try a variety of fruits for dessert that the ancient Egyptians would buy from their local market? You could taste juicy cantaloupes, sweet dates or flavoursome plums. You could also visit your local library to learn about the amazing

world of ancient Egypt. Alternatively, use online maps to look at famous Egyptian landmarks and track the course of the Nile.

Try this at home:

Use information books and the internet to find out about the following ancient Egyptian royals: Ramses II, Nefertiti, Akhenaton and Tutankhamun. Record your findings in a table, including a picture and up to four facts about each of the rulers.

Use information books and the internet to find images of artefacts from the ancient Egyptian civilisation. Choose one artefact that interests you. Draw or print a picture of the artefact and record key information, such as its name, what it's made from, where it was found, its use or purpose and what it tells us about life in ancient Egypt.

Find out about the gods and goddesses, Anubis, Ra, Ma'at and Tefnut. What do they look like? What are their roles.

Ancient Egyptian writing is called hieroglyphics. Use your knowledge, the internet or information books to answer the questions about this ancient Egyptian writing system.

- What are hieroglyphics and how are they different from our writing system?
- What does hieroglyph mean?
- What is a cartouche?
- What is a stele?
- What is the Rosetta Stone and why is it important?

Practise writing in hieroglyphics. Challenge a friend or family member to work out what you have written.

Useful websites

BBC Bitesize – Ancient Egypt –

KS2 History Britannica Kids – Ancient Egypt

Britannica Kids – Delta

BBC – How does the River Nile help people survive in Egypt?

British Museum – Egypt

BBC Bitesize – Who was Tutankhamun?

BBC Bitesize – What did the ancient Egyptians believe in?