

Topic Vocabulary

Pharaoh - an Ancient Egyptian ruler was called a Pharaoh.

Pyramids - The pyramids are Ancient Egyptian stone structures located near the river Nile in Egypt. Most were built as tombs for the Pharaohs. Many of them can still be seen in Egypt today.

Egypt - A country in North Eastern Africa.

Mummification - The process of preserving a body for the afterlife.

Embalming - The treatment of a dead body to protect it from decay (rot).

Hieroglyphics - The system of pictorial writing used in Ancient Egypt.

Useful Weblinks

BBC Bitesize - Ancient Egypt - Lots of information, videos, pictures and activities about different aspects of Ancient Egypt -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg87xnb>

Google Earth - <https://www.google.com/earth/> - Children could search Egypt on Google Earth to explore its Geography. Where is Egypt located? What continent is it in? What other countries are next to it? What seas border Egypt? Can you find the river Nile?

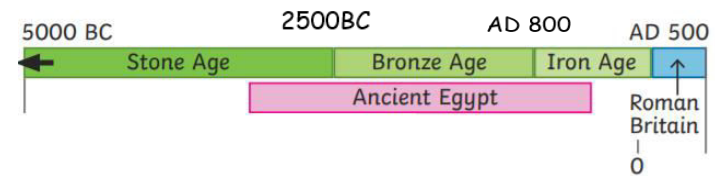
Children could also search famous historical landmarks in Egypt to see what they look like. You can explore from above or from street view.

Try searching for "The Pyramids of Giza" or "The Valley of the Kings".

Summer Term History Learning Grid for Year 3

Ancient Egypt

Nesyamun - He is 3000 years and known as the Leeds Mummy. You could even take a trip to the Leeds City Museum to find out more? 😊



Facts to learn about the river Nile

The river Nile was essential to life in ancient Egypt. Every year, it flooded, leaving behind a black silt (rich fertile soil) that made the soil good for growing crops. The river was also used to irrigate (take water to) the fields.

Most Ancient Egyptians lived along the Nile and this is still true of Egyptian people today. The river was the main source of water, people fished in it and travelled up and down it to trade goods with other countries. Mud from the river bank was used to make bricks for building and papyrus plants that grew by the river were used to make paper.

Home Learning Challenge Ideas - These are just suggestions because there is so much you could choose to find out about 😊

You could find out about mummification and the afterlife, the pyramids or about a famous pharaoh that lived in Ancient Egypt. Can you make a poster, leaflet or fact file about what you have found out?

If you are interested in making things, you could make your own map of the river Nile, create your own pyramid or design your own mummy.

We would love to see any of your own topic work that you choose to do at home so you might do something completely different such as learn facts to teach us. We are looking forward to sharing what you do and displaying it on the Beechwood Website.

