

Year 3 History – Ancient Egypt

What I should already know:

- History is studying something that has happened in the past.
- That we use a timeline to order events in history.
- That Africa is a Continent.
- Our lives are very different today from the people in history.
- The difference between invasion and settlement



At the end of this topic, I will know:

- Describe how the Ancient Egyptians lived compared to modern day.
- Know how the Ancient Egyptians used the River Nile.
- Explain who Tutankhamen was.
- Describe how Egyptian artefacts and ruins tell us about their culture and religious beliefs
- Examine Egyptian artefacts and use them to make inferences about the past.



Key Facts:

The Egyptians were the first civilisation to invent writing – hieroglyphs.

Tutankhamen was the youngest pharaoh.

The River Nile was crucial to the lives of the Ancient Egyptians.

Cleopatra was the last pharaoh of Egypt before the Romans took over

Egypt is in Africa.

Most Ancient Egyptian pyramids were built as tombs for pharaohs (rulers of Ancient Egypt) and their families.

Vocabulary

Ancient	Something that is very old.
Burial	A ceremony where someone is buried.
Cartouche	Carvings or drawings on clay.
Embalm	What the Egyptians did to stop the bodies from rotting.
Egyptian	A person from Ancient
Fertile	Really healthy land, good for growing crops.
Flooding	When something is covered with water.
Giza	City in Egypt.
Hieroglyphics	The first type of writing invented by the Egyptians.
Mummification	The process that the Ancient Egyptians used to stop bodies rotting.
Mummy	An Ancient Egyptian dead pharaoh that has had its organs removed.
Pharaoh	The ruler of Ancient Egypt.
Pyramid	A building with a point, which the Egyptians used for burying their dead.
River Nile	The river through Egypt. The longest river in Africa.
Sarcophagus	A stone coffin with decorations.
Sphinx	A winged monster having a woman's head and a Lion's body.
Traditions	A set of beliefs passed down to people.
Tomb	A large, underground place for burying the dead.