

ANCIENT EGYPTIANS: Meanders and Mummies

Sticky Knowledge

Why was Ancient Egypt 'the gift of the Nile'?

Why did the Ancient Egyptians build the pyramids?

How is the River Nile used now compared to how it was used in Ancient Egypt?

What was mummification in Ancient Egypt and how did it work?

Where is the source and the mouth of the River Nile?

What is the process of the water cycle?

English

In English, we are writing setting descriptions and diary entries using the Literacy Shed clip 'Tadeo Jones' as inspiration. Also, we are using the novel 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx' by Joe Todd-Stanton to inspire our own character descriptions, narratives, play scripts and information texts.

We will be focusing on:

- Figurative language (similes, metaphors and personification);
- Adverbial phrases, including fronted adverbials;
- 'Show, don't tell' for effect and suspense to create tension;
- Inverted commas for direct speech.

 * Correctly use commas in lists and to demarcate fronted adverbials / subordinate clauses from the main clause.

Other Subjects

- Art—papyrus paintings; cartouches
- Music—glockenspiels & music theory
- Computing—repetition in shape
- PE—swimming (Y3); athletics
- DT Mechanisms—make a shaduf
- PSHE— Being My Best; Growing & Changing
- MFL—In Class / Do You Have a Pet?
- Science—Forces and Magnetism

Maths

- Fractions—find equivalent fractions; add and subtract fractions, including whole amounts and mixed numbers.
- Decimals—tenths/hundredths as fractions and decimals, divide a 1- or 2-digit number by 10 or 100; flexibly partition decimals; round to the nearest whole; halves and quarters as decimals.
- Money—convert between pounds and pence; compare amounts of money; calculate using money.
- Time—convert between 12-hour and 24-hour clock; measures of time; analogue to digital conversions.
- Shape—lines of symmetry; compare and order angles; name triangles, quadrilaterals and polygons.
- Position and Direction—coordinates and translations.

 * Develop automatic recall of times tables and associated division facts up to 12x12.

* Calculate intervals of time (e.g. bus timetables).

Reading



Useful Books



Key Vocabulary

mummification	a process to preserve bodies after death, in preparation for the afterlife
hieroglyphics	a writing system that uses pictures/symbols rather than letters/words
pharaoh	a person in charge with the most power, similar to kings or leaders
plough	farm machinery used to churn soil, sometimes driven by a cow
pyramid	giant burial tombs for the most important people in society
sphinx	mythological creature with a human head and a lion's body
reservoir	a natural or man-made lake that is used as a water supply
source	where a river begins, usually on a hill or mountain where water collects
irrigation	system of canals or channels dug by the Egyptians to supply water to grow crops over a larger area than would otherwise be reached
delta	an area of low, flat land shaped like a triangle, where a river splits before entering the sea
tributary	a river or stream that flows into a larger river
mouth	end of the river where the river meets the sea

Dinner Table Questions

- How is your life as a child in 2024 similar or different to the life of an Ancient Egyptian child? What are the advantages and disadvantages of being a child in both eras?
- Were people treated fairly in Ancient Egypt?
- Think of an A-Z of ways to look after our environment and keep our rivers / seas clean.

key dates

Friday 17th May—Vision and Values Day	Friday 14th June – Sports Day
W/B 20th May—'The Best I Can Be' week	Thursday 20th June—PTFA Disco
Monday 3rd June – Cardwell & Simons class and team photos	Thursday 27th—Friday 28th June—Meridian visit AC
Wednesday 5th—Friday 7th June—Braeside Residential	Monday 1st + Tuesday 2nd July—parents' evenings