

Medium Term Planning

Term: Summer

Year Group: 4

Weeks: 5



Death in Ancient Egypt

Curriculum Drivers

Enterprise

We will investigate and understand the pyramid of social order for Egyptian jobs and construct similar pyramids for aspects of our society.

Environment

We will investigate how the changing seasons influenced the jobs people did.

Communities

We will compare the differences between the lives of different social groups of people.

Writing Opportunities

- We will write diaries from the perspective of workers in ancient Egypt who were involved in either mummification or building pyramids.
- We will write factual reports on the process of mummification.

Maths Opportunities

- We will use chronology to create a timeline detailing the history of pyramid building.
- Egyptian numbers will be investigated.
- Nets will be used to build a sarcophagus.

Social, Moral, Spiritual, Cultural

- We will learn about the role that the various deities played in the Hall of Maat and how these beliefs would have affected average Egyptians.
- We will investigate and discuss the reasons for burials in pyramids and why possessions were buried too.
- We will question why many burial chambers, when found, were empty and also debate 'Was Howard Carter an archaeologist or a grave robber?'
- We will discuss the similarities and differences between ancient and contemporary rituals and attitudes to death.

National Curriculum

- As Geographers we will study how the job of building pyramids was linked to the seasons and the effect this had on the River Nile. The climate and location of Egypt will be studied.
- As Historians we will study, using a variety of sources, the attitudes towards death and how the Egyptian religion, people's beliefs and the rites associated with mummification shaped their civilization.
- We will use ancient Egyptian artifacts, hieroglyphics and pyramids to analyse and appreciate the artists and engineers who created them. Observations and initial ideas will be recorded in sketch books. By working in 3D and by using a variety of media, a sarcophagus and mummy will be created in the Ancient Egyptian style.
- As Information Technologists we will research Ancient Egypt by using a variety of websites.