

## Pine's home topic learning: Coverage overview

# Pharaohcious Egypt! (*Ancient Egypt*)

Let's travel back 5000 years to Ancient Egypt, cruising along the Nile and entering a world of great gods, creepy curses and mysterious mummies!

With this topic, you are going to learn first-hand about:

### **Geography**

- The geography of Egypt, focusing on the River Nile

### **History**

- What happened when in Ancient Egypt
- The secrets of the pharaoh's tombs

### **PSHE (Physical, Social, Health Education)**

- Which gods the Ancient Egyptians worshipped
- Ancient Egyptian society and hierarchy

### **Art/DT**

- How to read hieroglyphs and create Egyptian designs/patterns
- The gruesome, yet fascinating, process of mummification
- What the Ancient Egyptians ate

**Above all, we'll see how the Ancient Egyptians are inspiring us even to this day!**

## Pharaohcious Egypt: Activity checklist

Here are some activity suggestions! Some activities require blogged resources.

### Geography activities:

- Create a factfile about the River Nile and compare it to other famous rivers. Include photographs and research the range of amazing animals that live in and by these rivers!
- How far away is Egypt? Find out how many miles away the capital city of Cairo is from Nottingham. For context, first find out how far Nottingham is from London.
- Use online maps and take virtual tours to look at famous Egyptian cities, landmarks and track the course of the Nile through Africa. **(RESOURCE: "useful links" for webpage tips)**

### History activities:

- Make a timeline **(RESOURCE: "timeline")** of key events in Ancient Egyptian history.
- How was a great pharaoh sent to the afterlife? Research what Howard Carter found when he discovered Tutankhamun's tomb and write Carter's diary entry for the day of the discovery. **(RESOURCES: "Treasures of the tomb images", "Treasures of the tomb information")** Online search: "Ducksters King Tut's tomb"
- Create a factfile about the life of one Ancient Egyptian ruler of your choice.

### Art/DT activities:

- Make a model pyramid from building blocks. How high can you go? Photograph your achievement and record the number of blocks used!
- Make a flatbread and serve it to your family with authentic Egyptian dips or salads.
- Try a variety of fruits that an Ancient Egyptian would have bought at their local market – juicy cantaloupes, sweet dates or flavoursome plums.
- Write a message in hieroglyphs. Can your grown up crack the code?! **(RESOURCE: "hieroglyphics")**
- **PROJECT: You are the apprentice to a high priest, learning how to mummify a great pharaoh one day! Read about mummification (RESOURCE: "mummification") and then...**
  - Working with an assistant, practice wrapping oiled linens (or kitchen towel might work!) around their forearm, or if you like a challenge... a hand or foot!
  - Using clay or play dough (easy play dough recipes are available online), create a canopic jar, in which you can one day store your pharaoh's organs. Research images of real canopic jar designs online to inspire you!
  - Find materials (e.g. cardboard) to create a sturdy sarcophagus for your pharaoh's body. Use your maths skills to measure and cut your card to shape and use your art skills to paint/draw intricate Egyptian designs all over.
  - Finally, no pharaoh can enter the afterlife without a glorious death mask! Research images: "Egyptian death masks" for inspiration and create a death mask using materials of your choice e.g. paper, cardboard, or perhaps even papier-mâché!

### PSHE activities:

- Use **(RESOURCES: "Egyptian hierarchy", "Role of a Pharaoh")** to find out more about how people with different jobs were treated in Ancient Egypt. Write a play about life in Ancient Egypt, including as many different members of society as you can. Get your family to help you act it out and don't forget to use props!
- Use **(RESOURCE: "Egyptian Gods")** or your own research to discover who the Ancient Egyptians worshipped. Draw your favourite god/goddess.