

Key facts:

- The Nile was important because it provided water for crops but also fertile soil - this means that people settled near the banks of the Nile as it was considered a prime location. They were among the first civilizations to use irrigation systems.
- We know about Ancient Egyptian life because of artefacts found and methods of communications such as the use of hieroglyphics and papyrus rolls.
- Egyptian society was very hierarchical. Each group had a different role to play in Egyptian society.
- Mummification was very important to the Egyptians as they believed this would prepare the body for their journey into the afterlife. The bodies of important people, such as pharaohs, were placed in these pyramids, which were built as tombs.

Important questions:

- Where in the world is Egypt?
Why was the River Nile so important?
What is a polytheism?
Why was mummification important to the Egyptians?
What are hieroglyphics?

Key skills for you to practice:

- Research skills (information finding)
- Timeline construction
- Drawing comparisons

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Knowledge Organiser for KS2 Year 3/4 Topic: Ancient Egypt

What do we need to learn?

To find out about Ancient Egyptian life by looking at artefacts.

To understand what was important to people during these times.

To understand and explain the mummification process used by Ancient Egyptians.

To understand how evidence gave us different answers about the past.

To compare and contrast the Egyptian writing to my own.

To compare and contrast of powers of different Egyptian gods.

Key Images to discuss



What I should already know:

KS1	Geography work linking to continents.
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Links to Future Learning:

Year 6	Historical links to where the Egyptians are on a timeline (BC + AD).
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Key Vocabulary:

Word	What does it mean?
pharaoh	A ruler of ancient Egypt.
hieroglyphics	A system of writing that used pictures and symbols (hieroglyphs) instead of letters.'
sarcophagus	A large decorative container in which a dead body was placed in ancient times.
Nile	The longest river in the world and found in Africa. It was a really important part of Egyptian life where it gave them food, transport, building materials and more.
irrigation	Supply land with water in order to help crops grow.
mummification	A way of preserving a body after death.
ancient	ancient - belonging to the distant past, especially to the period in history before the end of the Roman Empire (AD 410).