

Year 3 Home Learning

Topic & science

Ancient Egyptians

The Ancient Egyptians were famous for building the incredible Pyramids of Giza. They are still visited today by over 100,000 people per year. Research how they managed to build these incredible structures. You are going to create an explanation booklet about how to build pyramids. You can add pictures but most importantly you need to write clear instructions. You can present your work however you wish, on the computer or paper. You never know, Crouch End may be the next place to build some!

Time: 2 hours , Ask an adult for help to research.



Proper Project

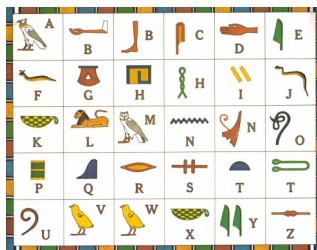
The Ancient Egyptians used symbols instead of letters to read and write. These are called hieroglyphics.

Create your own alphabet of symbols.

Write secret coded messages for someone else to read using your alphabet.

Time: up to 1.5 hours.

Some supervision may be required.



Create 'n Make

Egyptian Tombs

Do some research into the types of objects and treasures that have been found in Ancient Egyptian tombs. These might include: canopic jars, amulets, necklaces, rings and earrings, ankhs, statues (animals, gods, scenes of everyday life), pots, chests and urns, models (chariots, fishing boats). Choose a treasure or object you would like to make. You could create a 3D model of your object from clay, papier-mâché or salt dough or create your model two-dimensionally. Think carefully about the colours you use to make your treasures dazzle and impress! The Ancient Egyptians favoured six colours: white, black, red, green, blue and yellow/gold.

Time needed: up to 2 hours, some support for research and design may be needed.



Science

Rocks and Soils

Different rocks have different properties, (i.e. texture, shape, colour, etc.). Find several different types of rocks. Think about what different properties they have. Present your findings to the class. You can do this in a variety of ways (bring in rocks with labels, poster with pictures, PowerPoint, diorama). If you can, find out their names.

Spend up to 2 hours. Ask an adult before digging up stones.

Let's talk...

The Ancient Egyptians believed in immortality. They thought that a person's soul would eventually return to the body so when people die they were mummified to preserve the body, ready for when the soul returns. What does the idea of a 'soul' mean to you? Where does it come from? Does every living thing have one? Discuss with an adult at home.

Out and about...

Visit the British Museum to see the exhibition about Ancient Egypt. They even have a real mummified body!

<http://www.britishmuseum.org/>