

THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS

Dear Year 3,

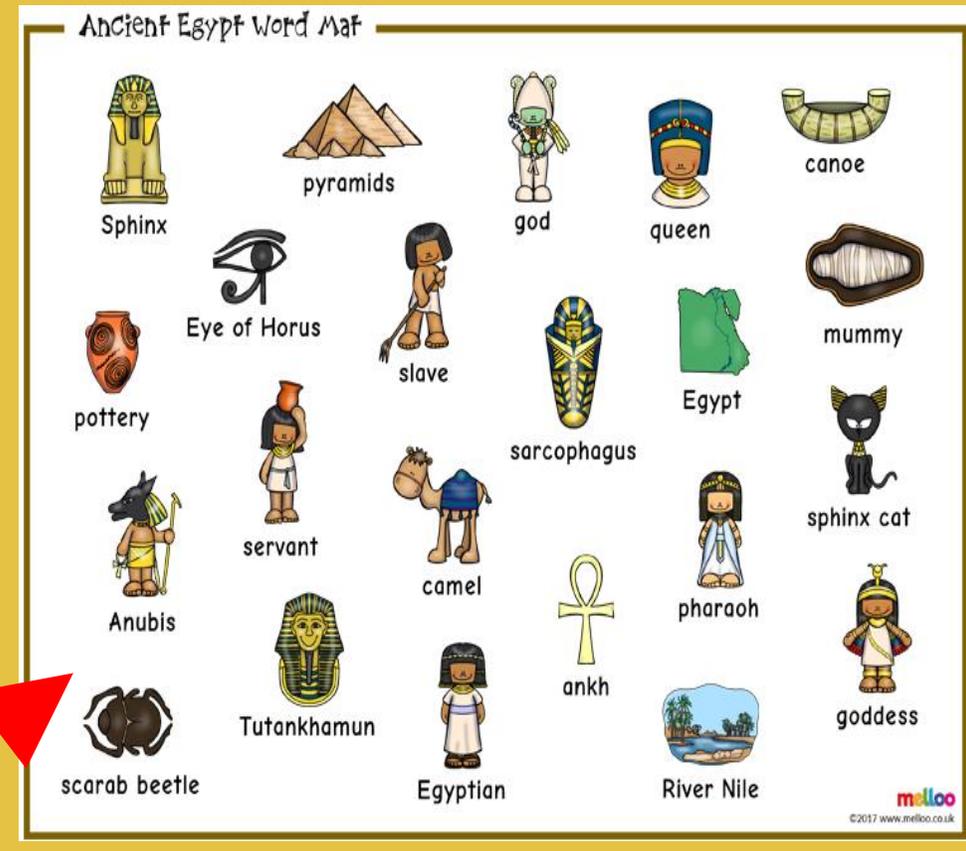
We hope you have been easily accessing and enjoying your home learning so far. We have missed you all very much and hope you're keeping well!

This term we are going to be learning about the **Ancient Egyptians** (Ms Hurn's favourite topic!) and we are sure you will enjoy learning about this too!

We hope that you are ready to delve into some exciting, ancient history!

Here are some key words to get you started!

From Ms Hurn and the Year 3 team



Do you remember learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age?

A lot of what we learnt about the **Stone Age to Iron Age** happened at a similar time to the **Ancient Egyptian era!**

Match what was happening in Britain/Europe during the Ancient Egyptian era.

Pre-dynastic Egypt

5500 - 3100 BC

Upper and Lower Egypt were two separate lands.

Early Egypt

3100 -2600 BC

Upper and Lower Egypt were united as one country under the first **pharaoh** Menes.

Earliest known **hieroglyphic** writing.

Walled towns and villages were built.

Old Kingdom

2600 -2100 BC

The **Sphinx** was built.

Egyptians began building **pyramids**.

The Great pyramid was built.

Egyptians began experimenting with **mummification**.

Middle Kingdom

2000 - 1650 BC

Pyramid building declined and stopped.

Osiris became the most important god, especially for ordinary people.

New Kingdom

1539-1075 BC

Pyramids were replaced by elaborate tombs in the **Valley of the Kings**.

Tutankhamun ruled during some of this period.

Ramesses II ruled for 67 years.

Greek and Roman Egypt

332 BC-395 AD

Cleopatra VII reigned (51-30 BC)

Alexander the Great conquered Egypt

The **Romans** took over Egypt after Cleopatra's death (30 BC).

The **Rosetta Stone** was carved (196 BC)

5500 - 3100 BC

The first evidence of farming.

Stone axes, antler combs and pottery in common use.

3100 - 2600 BC

The first stone circles (henges) were built.

2600 -2100 BC

Metal working in copper began.

2000 - 1650 BC

Bronze Age

In Europe, skilled workers began making weapons from Bronze.

Stonehenge completed.

1539-1075 BC

People started living in small villages.

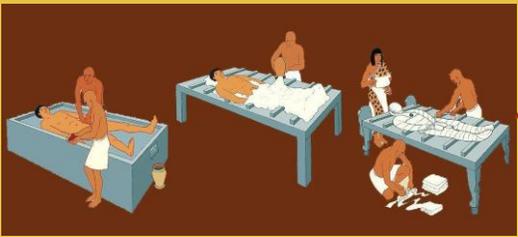
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Celtic people arrived in Britain from Europe (**500 BC**).

The Iron Age began (**750 BC**)

Find the definitions/images of the words in the glossary!

Glossary

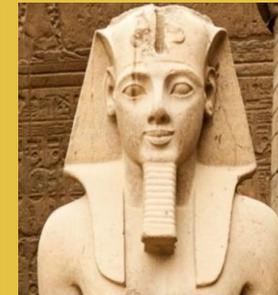


- Cleopatra** - was the last active ruler of the Ptolemaic Kingdom of Egypt.
- hieroglyphic** - Ancient Egyptian form of writing
- mummification** - methods of embalming or treating the dead body.
- Osiris** - is the god of fertility, agriculture, the afterlife, the dead, resurrection, life, and vegetation in ancient Egyptian religion.
- pharaoh** - Egyptian king/queen who ruled in Egypt.
- pyramids** - ancient Egyptians built pyramids as tombs for the pharaohs and their queens.
- Rameses II** - often regarded as the greatest, most celebrated, and most powerful pharaoh of the New Kingdom. His successors and later Egyptians called him the "Great Ancestor".
- Rosetta stone** - The Rosetta Stone is one of the most important objects in the British Museum as it holds the key to understanding Egyptian hieroglyphs—a script made up of small pictures that was used originally in ancient Egypt for religious texts.
- sphinx** - sphinx is a mythical creature with the head of a human and the body of a lion.
- Tutankhamun** - was an ancient Egyptian pharaoh who was the last of his royal family to rule during the end of the 18th dynasty during the New Kingdom of Egyptian history.
- valley of the kings** - a valley in Egypt where, for a period of nearly 500 years from the 16th to 11th century BC, rock cut tombs were excavated for the pharaohs and powerful nobles of the New Kingdom.

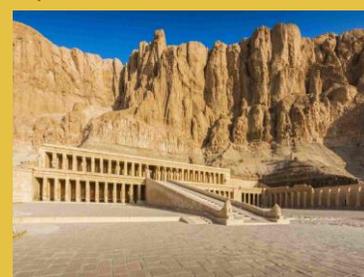
Osiris



Rameses II



Rosetta stone



Tutankhamun



Cleopatra

An Introduction to Ancient Egyptians

- Click the links below and watch the video to find out more about the Ancient Egyptians!
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg87xnb/articles/z6x2382/>
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Task 1.

Draw a timeline of the Ancient Egyptian era and include key events and people. Add diagrams/pictures.

(Challenge: Add in details of what was happening in Britain/Europe during that time).

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Task 2.

Watch the videos/read information on the links above – **Write down** some **key facts** and **vocabulary** and create a **poster** to hang up in your room!

Remember to include

- A title
- Sub-headings with key information (e.g. explain who the Egyptians were, when they lived, include information about the pyramids, famous ancient Egyptians etc.)
- Include pictures with labels

Ancient Egyptians

Task 3. Use the hieroglyphics below to create a message for your family that they have to decipher!

