

HOMEWORK

YEAR 4

Friday 13th March

Homework Tasks (Year 4):

- **Reading:** Please complete and mark- the 'Ancient Egypt' tasks on the next pages of this document and record your responses in your homework jotter book.

*Please place your homework books in the homework box by **Wednesday 18th March***

- **Spelling:** A spelling test, on **Spring Term 2 -Week 3 Green words** will take place next **Thursday** (see the separate spelling sheet for this term – it is split into weeks and you will be instructed which week we are currently learning).
- **Times Tables:** Please complete - and mark- Spring Term : Workout 9 p42 - 43 of your CGP 10-minute weekly workout book and your weekly test on the **5x, 10x and 11x** table will be next **Friday**.
- **Reading:** Please read for 45mins throughout the week.

The Ancient Egyptians are one of the most famous ancient civilisations. Their civilisation began somewhere around 3000 BCE and continued until the Romans conquered them somewhere around 30 BCE. They were ruled over by many famous pharaohs such as Tutankhamun, Ramses and Cleopatra.

PYRAMIDS

If there's one thing that people know about the Egyptians, it's that they built pyramids. What many people don't realise is that there are lots of them. So far, archaeologists have uncovered about 130 of them, but there may well be more hidden away under the sand. They weren't just built for pharaohs, either. Farmers and labourers might have built smaller ones for themselves when times were good.



GODS, GODS AND MORE GODS

The Egyptians were deeply religious people. They worshipped over 2,000 gods and goddesses. Each one had a particular role to play in the life of the civilisation. Regular people couldn't communicate directly with the gods; priests took on the role of the voice of the people. They believed that the pharaoh was the Earthly incarnation of the god Horus.



THE NILE

The River Nile was a lifeline for the Ancient Egyptians. It brought them water to drink and keep their crops alive, and it teemed with fish that they could eat. It also brought instant death in the form of crocodiles and hippos. Every year, the river would flood. This washed nutrients onto the land so that more crops would grow. It's no wonder that the Egyptians had many different gods that were based on animals from the river.



BOOK OF THE DEAD

Magic was very important to the Egyptians. Their priests were especially powerful magicians who would use spells to contact the gods - at least, that's what the priests told everyone. The Book Of The Dead was a series of spells that were placed in the tombs of important people once they died. The idea was that they could read the spells once they were in the afterlife. The spells were like short chapters that told them what to do in different situations once they were dead.



MUMMIES

You may be used to seeing them chasing cartoon characters through ancient tombs, but mummies were an important part of the Egyptian death rituals. Mummification was normally reserved for nobles and pharaohs because it was a long-winded and expensive process. It took over a mile of bandages to make a single adult mummy! They were also placed in a wooden sarcophagus with jewels, gold and other precious things that would travel with them to the afterlife.



RETRIEVAL FOCUS

1. What length of bandages were needed to make one mummy?
2. Which deadly animals lived in the Nile River during the Ancient Egyptian period?
3. How many pyramids have been discovered?
4. How many gods did they worship?
5. Who was supposed to read the spells in the Book Of The Dead?

VIPERS QUESTIONS

V

Find a word that tells you there were a lot of fish in the Nile River.

S

Why were most mummies wealthy or important people?

V

Which word means “personifies” or “embodies”?

powerful

afterlife

incarnation

I

Why might the priests have wanted people to believe they could do magic and talk to the gods?

Answers

Answers - Ancient Egypt:

1. One mile
2. Hippos and crocodiles
3. 130
4. 2,000
5. The dead person

V: Teemed

S: They were expensive and long-winded to make and had to be buried with lots of treasure

V: Incarnation

I: It made them more powerful if people felt that they needed the priests