Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Primary School History Overview — Enter the Tomb Year 5 In-Depth Study



Core Knowledge:

Significant	 Howard Carter is significant because he was a British archaeologist who discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun in 1922.
People	 Howard Carter discovered the tomb inside the Great Pyramid of Giza, in the Valley of the Kings.
	 Tutankhamun is significant because his tomb gives historians a detailed insight into the Ancient Egyptian civilisation.
Society	 The Ancient Egyptian civilisation began around 3100BC and ended in 30BC when the Romans invaded. The Ancient Egyptians built pyramids as giant burial tombs for pharaohs. Pharaohs were monarchs in ancient Egyptian society and had the most amount of power. Pyramids contained many rooms including a burial chamber containing a mummified body and important objects for the afterlife. Gold, jewellery, pottery and statues were often buried with the mummified body of the pharaoh. Mummification was the process of preparing the body for burial and took place for rich Egyptians. The Ancient Egyptians worshipped many gods and goddesses who they believed represented different aspects of nature such as the sun, the moon, life and death. Pharaohs built temples and performed rituals to keep order and keep the gods happy. After the Romans invaded, Ancient Egyptian beliefs died out and other religious beliefs took their place. Houses were built from mudbricks with floors made from earth and contained a living room, a kitchen and bedrooms. There was a large variety of jobs in Ancient Egypt including farmers, scribes, priests and doctors. Children did not go to school like today but had apprenticeships where they learned a job or a trade.
	 Scribes wrote hieroglyphics, an early writing system using pictures and symbols, by carving in stone and using papyrus. Farming was important because the flooding of the Nile and the fertile soil allowed the Ancient Egyptians to build a wealthy empire. Ancient Egyptian farmers dug channels to divert flood water towards fields for farming known as
	irrigation.
Legacy	 The Ancient Egyptians left a legacy including written language, farming and medicine. Hieroglyphics inspired the first alphabets, including the Latin alphabet which is used today.

Historical Skills:

Developing &	Explain and use the word civilisation.
Understanding	Use appropriate historical language to discuss events and periods.
Chronology	Develop a timeline that shows historical events and time periods accurately.
Using &	• Choose reliable and useful sources of evidence to help to answer questions, giving reasons for the
Interpreting	choices.
Historical	Give clear reasons why there may be different accounts of history.
Sources	Identify a line of historical enquiry.
Explaining	• Explain how significant people and events have impacted on society across time periods.
Historical	• Explain reasons for historical events, the results of historical events, situations and changes.
Reasons	• Examine and explain causes and consequences of significant events.
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- Identify similarities and differences between periods of history.
- Make links between events and changes within and across different time periods / societies.

Enquiry Questions:

- > What did Howard Carter discover and when?
- What can we find out from pyramids?
- Why is Tutankhamun significant?
- What was mummification?
- What did the Ancient Egyptians believe?
- What was daily life like in Ancient Egypt?
- > What is the legacy of the Ancient Egyptians?

Key Vocabulary:

archaeologist, tomb, Tutankhamun, Great Pyramid of Giza, Valley of the Kings, insight, civilisation, pharaoh, monarch, burial chamber, mummified, afterlife, mummification, ritual, scribes, apprenticeship, hieroglyphics, papyrus, Nile, irrigation

Cross-Curricular Writing Outcomes:

- Writing to recount events: journalistic Journalistic recount of Howard Carter's discovery of the tomb
- Writing to inform: Non-chronological report about Ancient Egyptian beliefs e.g. gods and goddesses, mummification

Oracy Outcome:

Record a TV documentary about the pyramids and Tutankhamun's tomb