

### Launch:

The children will participate in an Ancient Egyptian immersion day, exploring mummification, jewellery and Egyptian culture. This will provide them with the opportunity to think of areas of Egyptian life they want to explore in more depth.



## What was life really like for Ancient Egyptians?



### Key dates:

7<sup>th</sup> February: Topic challenge due in  
 10<sup>th</sup> February: Egyptian work gallery for parents (further details to follow)  
 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> February: Hooke Court



### Topic Overview:

As historians, the children will ask and answer questions based on the past, suggesting suitable sources of evidence for key historical enquiries on Tutankhamun's life. They will suggest causes and consequences of some of the main events during the Ancient Egyptian period as well as describing the social, ethnic and religious beliefs of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation, exploring the gods they worshipped and what life was like. As artists, the children will develop their sculpture skills by making clay. They will also develop their printing skills, including repeating precise patterns, as they work towards producing an Egyptian cartouche. As scientists, the children will identify and name a variety of living things using classification keys. They will give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics and recognise that environments are constantly changing, along with the dangers this can pose for specific species.

### Key Vocabulary:

canopic jar	pyramid
dynasty	afterlife
papyrus	pharaoh
ancient	sculpture
cartouche	printing
classification	characteristics

### Learning Conversations:

Talk to your child about what they know about life in Ancient Egypt. What has been the most surprising fact that they have discovered so far? Were their initial preconceptions about Ancient Egyptian life accurate?

### Useful links:

<https://wintonprimary.uk/year-4/> Curriculum Guidance  
[trockstars.com](http://trockstars.com) Times Table Rock Stars  
[oxfordreadingbuddy.com/uk](http://oxfordreadingbuddy.com/uk) Oxford Reading Buddu

### Did you know...

... there were over 5,000 artefacts found in Tutankhamun's tomb alone?



### Drivers

#### Community:

Some of the children's Egyptian art work and historical enquiry will be displayed by the Tutankhamun museum in Dorchester for visitors to see.



#### Enquiry:

We will be encouraging the children to think critically about why some sources are more valid when looking at key historical events, including the death of Tutankhamun.



### Topic Challenge:

We would like the children to make their own canopic jars. We will learn about these early on in our topic. We would like the children to bring their canopic jars to school Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February so we can display them and celebrate their work.

**Landing:** The children will be hosting an exhibition to display their art and history work on Ancient Egypt on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Parents and carers are welcome to come into the classroom and see the work their child has produced.

