

History: What are the Achievements of the Ancient Egyptians? Y4, T1 & 2

Learning link

In year 3, you learnt about the Ancient Greeks and lives and achievements influenced the western world. In year 3, you learnt about Britain in the Stone age this period in time happened at the same time as the Ancient Egyptians although there was no contact between these two cultures.

Facts

- Ancient Egypt was a powerful civilisation located in the north-east corner of Africa, built along the banks of the River Nile and surrounded by huge, hot deserts.
- The pyramids were built as grand tombs to protect the bodies of the Pharaohs after they died. The Ancient Egyptians believed that a Pharaoh was a living god, and for them to live forever in the afterlife, their physical body had to be kept safe and preserved.
- The Ancient Egyptians didn't have Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Instead, they had three seasons based on what the River Nile was doing. Akhet was the flooding season (June–September); Peret was the growing season (October–February) when farmers planted their crops; and Shemu was the harvest sea-

Vocabulary

Civilisation	A large, organized group of people living together in a society with their own rules, language, and ways of life, like the Ancient Egyptians or Romans.
Pharaoh	The most powerful leader in Ancient Egypt who was treated like a god and ruled over all the land and people.
Hieroglyphs	A system of writing used by the Ancient Egyptians that used pictures and symbols instead of letters to represent words or sounds.
Pyramids	Huge stone monuments with square bases and triangular sides built as grand tombs to protect the bodies of Pharaohs for the afterlife.
Canopic Jars	Special decorated jars used during mummification to hold and protect the internal organs (like the lungs and liver) of the person who had died.



Time-

2550 BC – The Great Pyramid of Giza was built by Pharaoh Khufu, which remained the tallest building in the world for thousands of years.

1332—1323 BC—King Tutankhamun's Reign: The "Boy King" came to the throne at just nine years old; he is now world-famous because his tomb was found nearly untouched in 1922.

2650 BC – The first pyramid was built as a stone tomb.

1479 BC – Queen Hatshepsut Becomes Pharaoh: One of the few female pharaohs.

51 BC – Cleopatra Becomes Queen: Cleopatra VII took the throne and became the last Pharaoh of Egypt, famously using her intelligence.

30 BC – The Romans Conquer Egypt: After the death of Queen Cleopatra (the last pharaoh), the Roman Empire took control, and the era of the Ancient Egyptians officially ended.

3100 BC – Egypt is united.

