

Welcome to your Discovery Box

Here you will find an array of exciting activities and fun facts to prepare you for your next unit of study.

Within this box you will find:

- knowledge organiser
- fun facts and information
- craft activities
- puzzles and games
- suggestions for visits and days out
- a recommendation of books to look for in the library

We hope you find these activities engaging and entertaining but most of all that they make you **CURIOUS** to learn more.

Build your own ancient Egyptian pyramid

Can you make your own ancient Egyptian pyramid?

Materials Needed:

- Net of pyramid
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pencils



Instructions

- 1. Find your pyramid net in this pack.
- 2. Colour it in.
- 3. Cut it out make sure you don't cut off the parts that you need to fold!
- 4. Fold carefully along the dotted lines.
- 5. Stick the flaps down using glue.
- 6. Share a picture of your completed temple using the tag #ACPDiscoveryBox.
- 7. If you have card or paper at home, try making a larger model!

Fun Facts about the ancient Egyptians

The ancient Egyptians ruled Egypt for over 3000 years. Here are some facts about this amazing civilization:



Pharaohs ruled over Egypt and were thought to be like gods.

The youngest pharaoh was 6 years old!

The ancient Egyptians worshipped over 2000 gods and goddesses!

Gods and Goddesses would be represented as animals as they were linked to those characteristics.

Both Egyptian men and women wore make-up. The eye-paint was usually green (made from copper) or black (made from lead). As well as offering protection from the sun, the Egyptians believed make-up had magical healing powers.

The Egyptians relied on the River Nile to flood so it would create fertile land. Without the River Nile Egypt would be all desert!

The River Nile provided land to grow crops, water to drink, papyrus which could make paper and a way to travel easily on boats.

The pyramids were built for the pharaohs. They were built with elaborate rooms filled with treasures that the pharaoh would need for the afterlife.

Egyptians preserved their bodies when they died by mummifying them. Only the pharaohs, the priests and the nobles could afford this process.

The Egyptians left behind many clues to their way of life from pyramids to giant temples, statues, paintings, mummies and many other treasures!

Can you solve this word search?

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Make your own mummy

If you have had enough of apple pies and apple crumble, how about mummifying an apple?

What you need:

- Apple
- Knife (ask an adult to help you with this)
- 40 grams baking soda
- 80 grams table salt
- Two plastic cups



Instructions

- 1. Cut the apple in half. Eat one half you won't need it for the experiment.
- 2. Cut the remaining half in half again. Put each piece of apple into a separate cup.
- 3. Mix together the baking soda and salt. Pour this on top of one of the apple slices. Make sure the apple is completely covered.
- 4. Put the cups somewhere out of direct sunlight for one week.
- 5. After a week, pour the salt and baking soda mixture out of the cup. What has happened to the apple slices? Is there a difference between them?









Make your own mummy

DON'T READ THIS UNTIL AFTER THE EXPERIMENT!

What has happened?

You should see that one of your apple slices has rotted. The slice covered in the salt and baking soda mixture has been mummified!

Salt and baking soda are desiccants. Desiccants remove water from any material it comes into contact with. Bacteria that cause rotting and decay need water to survive. Salt and baking soda remove the water from the apple, which makes it hard for bacteria to survive and cause decay.

Ancient Egyptians used a similar method to preserve human bodies after death. They used natron, a naturally occurring desiccant, to mummify bodies.



Investigate!

Here are some images of the artefacts found within Tutankhamun's tomb. What can you see? Can you research more about them?







Burial Mask

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Research!

They are still looking for tombs in Egypt now. What can you find out about what people have found?



Design a sarcophagus

The pharaohs, the kings and queens of Egypt would be buried in beautifully designed coffins called sarcophaguses.

Can you design and colour a sarcophagus fit for a king or queen?





Suggestions for visits and days out



Check your local museums for any pop-up ancient Egypt exhibitions or workshops.

Below are some permanent ancient Egypt exhibitions in the UK:

- Bolton Museum, Bolton
- Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology, London
- Manchester Museum, Manchester
- Ashmolean Museum, Oxford
- Oriental Museum, Durham
- The British Museum, London
- The Garstang Museum of Archaeology, Liverpool
- World Museum, Liverpool
- Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge
- Egypt Centre Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, Swansea

Recommended Reading

Everything Ancient Egypt by National Geographic Kids The Story of Tutankamun by Patricia Cleveland-Peck and Isabel Greenberg Horrible Histories: Awesome Egyptians by Terry Deary See Inside Ancient Egypt by Rob Lloyd Jones and David Hancock



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