

Year 5

Ancient Egypt – The Red Pyramid



Focus Book: *The Red Pyramid*

English

This is a fictional story about the Ancient Egyptian gods – it will link to report writing and quest stories. To develop the children's reading, we will be exploring the points of view of different characters at different times throughout the story.

To develop the children's grammar, we will be focusing on fronted adverbials, relative clauses and descriptive techniques such as power of three, similes and metaphors. We will also explore reported and direct speech.

Maths

In Mathematics, the children's understanding of statistics will be developed. They will also develop their skills and knowledge of shape and geometry. We will be revisiting mental and written methods for all four mathematical operations.

Science, Geography and History

Science

Key Questions:

How are reversible and irreversible changes important to forensic scientists?
Which materials dissolve and evaporate and why can this sometimes be an important quality in those materials?
How have scientists made use of changes to create materials that make our lives easier?
What is bicarbonate of soda and what impact does it have on different materials?

History / Geography

Key Questions:

How can we recreate the wonder of the pyramids?
Who were the pharaohs and why are they important?
What can we learn from the Ancient Egyptians?
Where is Egypt and why does it attract tourists from all over the world?

Art and Design

Design and make an Egyptian mask using paper mache.

Technology

Design and make a pyramid with hidden compartments.

Computing

Multimedia – record a podcast reporting live from inside Tutankhamun's tomb.
Programming – write an algorithm to make a net for a pyramid.
Handling data – compare climates between the UK and Egypt and present a weather forecast based on previous data.
Creating a lego film animation of the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun.

PE

Dance: Children create and perform an Egyptian dance.
Invasion Games: netball

PSHE

Financial capability – beginning to learn how to manage money.

RE

Stories from the Old Testament: Does God keep His promises? The Stories of Moses and Joseph.

Music

Make You Feel My Love – children will learn to sing, play, improvise and compose using this song – written by Bob Dylan and covered by Adele.

Languages

French: Parts of the body and counting up to 31.

Learning Values

Motivation

Learning about Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.
Dreams can come true.

Responsibility

In year 5, children will choose how to set up their experiments on materials and how they present their research on Ancient Egypt

Collaboration

Working collaboratively as young scientists to set up experiments to learn about materials.

Perseverance

To show determination when faced with challenges such as reading and writing in hieroglyphics.

Discovery

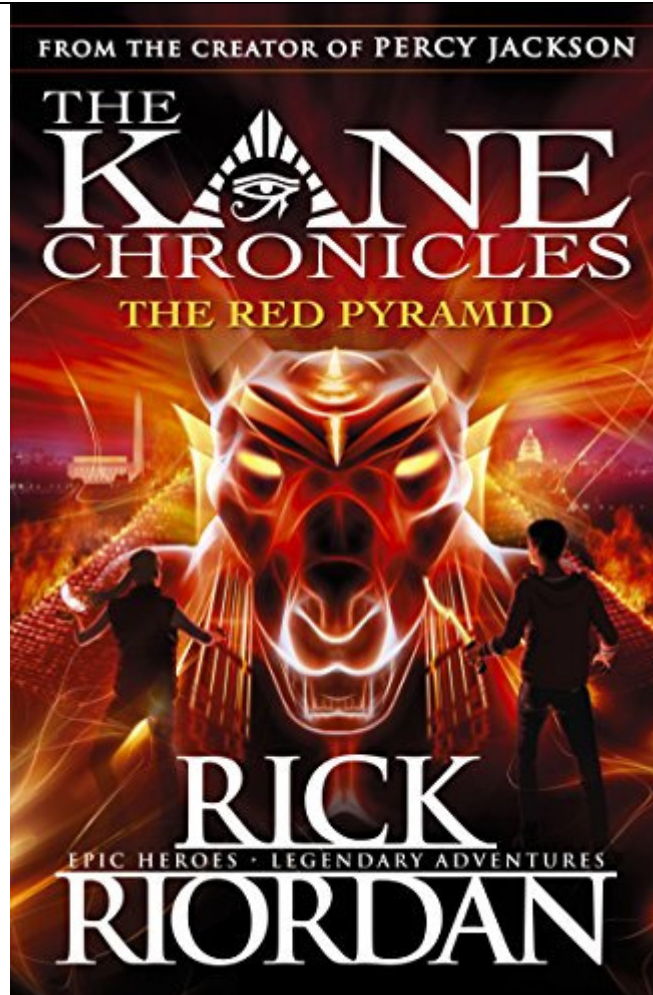
Children following their own line of questioning when researching and reading about Ancient Egypt and the pharaohs.

Growth Mindset

We will be focussing on the characteristics of somebody with a growth and fixed mindset and thinking about how they look different.

The Red Pyramid

by Rick Riordan



A brilliant new adventure series from the best-selling author of Percy Jackson.

Carter and Sadie have nothing in common but their parents: their father Dr. Julius Kane, a brilliant Egyptologist, and their mother, a famed archaeologist who died under mysterious circumstances when they were young.

The siblings barely know each other, but one night, their father brings them together at the British Museum, promising a 'research experiment' that will set things right for their family. His plans go horribly wrong.

An explosion unleashes an ancient evil - the Egyptian god Set who banishes Dr. Kane to oblivion and forces the children to flee for their lives. Now orphaned, Carter and Sadie must embark on a dangerous quest - from Cairo to Paris to the American Southwest, to save their father and stop Set from destroying everything they care about . . .

Other Recommended Reads Linked To This Theme:

The Throne of Fire
The Serpent's Shadow