

Year 4 Home Learning – Summer 1

Ancient Civilisation – History



During the summer half term, Year 4 will be learning about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. Have a go at one of the activities below. Return your work for Monday 20th May so it can be shared with the class. Don't forget that up to 5 MME points will be awarded for presentation and effort! If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Activities

1. Use your research skills to find out what an ancient civilisation is. Write a simple definition, then list the characteristics of a civilisation. List the names of some ancient civilisations found from your research.
2. Use information books and the internet to find out about archaeology, archaeologists, archaeological sites and artefacts. Create an information poster or non-chronological report to record your findings. Include images if you can. Once complete, share it with a family member. Afterwards, you might enjoy searching the online collections of The British Museum or The Met Museum to view other artefacts from ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt or the Indus Valley.
3. Three of the world's first civilisations include ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. Imagine that you are an archaeologist examining these artefacts. Complete a table to record your observations and ideas about each artefact. Include the name of the civilisation, artefact type, materials, possible uses and description.



ancient Sumer



ancient Egypt



Indus Valley civilisation

4. What did the ancient Sumerians invent, and how did these inventions make work easier and improve everyday life? Use information books and the internet to answer this question. Record information on a mind map. Expand on the information in your mind map by writing a summary to answer the enquiry question.

Useful websites

Britannica Kids – Ancient civilisation – Homework Help
 BBC Teach – Introducing Ancient Sumer – History KS2
 BBC Bitesize – Ancient Egypt – KS2 History
 DKfindout! – Egyptian Pharaohs
 BBC Bitesize – Indus Valley – KS2 History