

Ella's Egypt Project

Over half-term we decided to do a short curiosity project, just an hour or two each day in which Ella got to have a lot of say in what we researched together.

Ella has been really enjoying a book she got from our neighbours *We're Sailing Down the Nile* in which a group of children visit lots of locations down the Nile – Abu Simbel, Aswan, the Valley of the Kings, the Al-Faiyum Oasis, Cairo and the Pyramids at Giza.

So, over the week we:

- Watched video tours of all the sites from the book (and several more).
- Explored 3D models of some tombs.
- We got lots of books out including our Atlas and several illustrated history and mythological books (Mum and Dad both studied History at University)
- Used Googlemaps and streetview to walk around the Pyramids and Sphinx.
- Talked through photos of when Dad visited lots of these places in 2000 on holiday.
- Made a timeline from the unification of Egypt (3100BC) to all our family's birth dates. Ella illustrated this with the unified crown and some pyramids.
- Read about Cleopatra, Hapsheptut, and Nefertiti in Ella's *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls* books.
- Watched videos of lots of Egyptian animals that feature as gods – Eagles, Jackals, Crocodiles, Ibises, and more.
- Drew pictures of animals, gods, the river – and more!
- We worked out where the Nile rises and flow through.
- We worked out which countries you would fly over on the way from the UK to Egypt

We will add to the timeline with other projects next holiday!



