Pyramids and tombs

When people think of Ancient Egypt they will often picture the pyramids. The pyramids have stood for thousands of years and were the tombs of the Ancient Egyptian pharaohs from the Old Kingdom.

1. Add when the first pyramid was built on to your timeline.

The first pyramid was built around 2630 BCE. The current ruler, Djoser, wanted a funeral monument for himself. His architect, Imhotep, designed a step pyramid that still stands today at Saqqara near Memphis. This led to many more pyramids being built, including the famous pyramids at Giza.



How were pharaohs buried before pyramids?

Mummies were buried with many of their belongings because they thought they would need these items in the afterlife. Inside the pyramids, the walls were painted to show life in Ancient Egypt. This is great for us because it means lots of images from Ancient Egypt have stayed safe in the pyramids for us to find and observe. This helps us understand more about life back then.

RESEARCH SKILLS

2. Research how the Ancient Egyptians built their pyramids.

You could include who built them, how they designed the inside, what they put inside, and why they stopped building them.

Make your notes here but it is up to you how you present your research.
