



Linked learning theme: Ancient Egypt – Walk like an Egyptian

Spring term, Year 6

Geography – Map reading in The Valley of the Kings

Prior knowledge

Earlier in Year 6, children have used a variety of maps to locate places and geographical features in North America. They are aware of longitude and latitude and have used grid references to pinpoint different locations.

Core knowledge

- Luxor, where The Valley of the Kings is, is accessible by the River Nile.
- The tombs of pharaohs in The Valley of the Kings can be located using grid references.
- The physical geography of the Valley of the Kings, steep sided valley walls, made it a good location to hide the tombs of pharaohs.

Key skills

- Read maps to identify links between Alexandria, Cairo and Luxor that made The Valley of the Kings accessible while being remote.
- Use grid references to identify locations within the Valley of the Kings.
- Make suggestions about how the physical geography of The Valley of the Kings made it a good place to conceal the tombs of pharaohs, observing the physical geography of the area using satellite imagery (Google Earth).

Vocabulary

Luxor	physical features	key
Valley of the Kings	River Nile	grid reference
	valley	

Learning outcomes

- I can identify key aspects of human geography – types of settlement, economic activity including trade links and distribution of natural resources.
- I can use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.
- I can use six figure grid references.