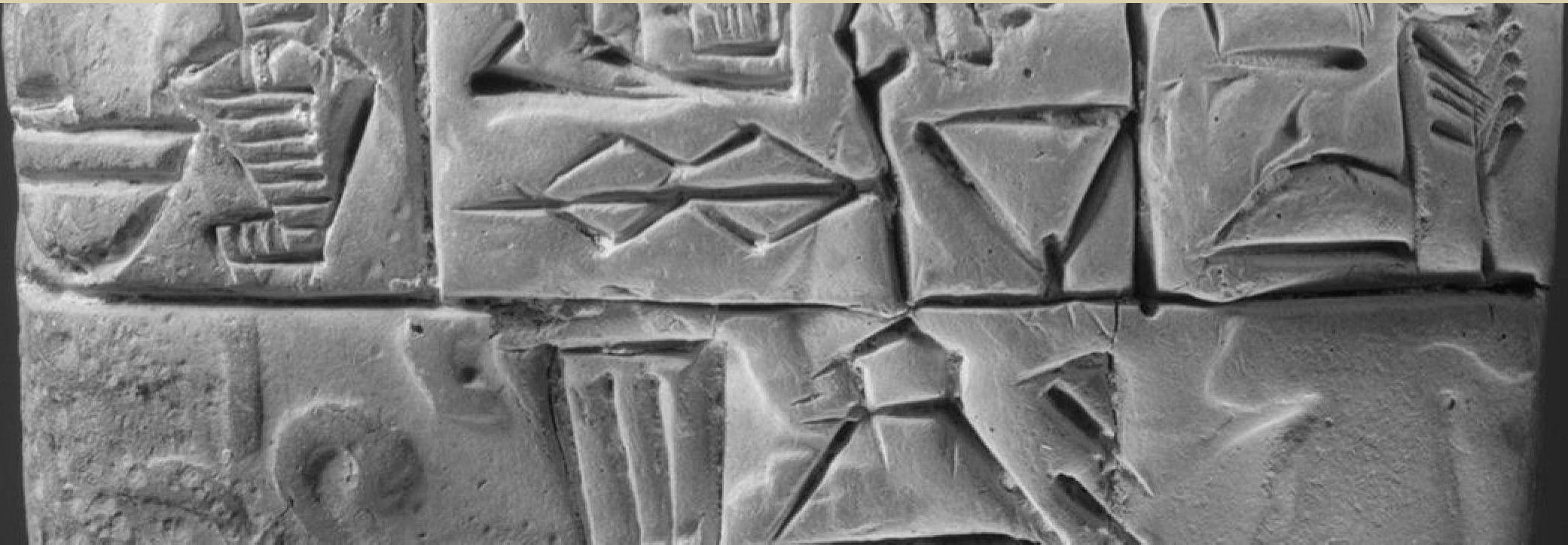
The background of the image is a close-up photograph of an ancient stone tablet covered in cuneiform script. The characters are raised and arranged in horizontal lines, though they are somewhat faded and difficult to read. The stone has a textured, yellowish-brown appearance with some darker spots and cracks.

# **How to Message Mummies, Mesopotamians and Mythological Mexicans**

**This week's Super Curriculum theme is designed to get you thinking about the history of language and some of the most awe inspiring ancient languages in human history.**



**Latin**

**Egyptian Hieroglyphics**

SOME OF THE AMAZING HISTORICAL  
LANGUAGES CONSIST OF:

**Tamil**

**Ancient Greek**

TODAY WE ARE  
GOING TO TAKE  
A LOOK AT THE  
INCREDIBLE  
LANGUAGE OF  
EGYPTIAN  
HIEROGLYPHICS.



## WHAT ARE HIEROGLYPHICS?

- Egyptian hieroglyphs were the formal writing system used in Ancient Egypt. Hieroglyphs combined logographic, syllabic and alphabetic elements, with a total of some 1,000 distinct characters. Cursive hieroglyphs were used for religious literature on papyrus and wood.
- The Rosetta Stone (available to view in the British Museum) was a tablet with the same text in hieroglyphs and Ancient Greek. When discovered in 1799, it enabled scholars to decipher the hieroglyphs for the first time



# Here are some links on how to write using hieroglyphs:

Writing your name in hieroglyphs:

<https://www.rom.on.ca/en/learn/activities/classroom/hieroglyphs>

You will need to download the hieroglyphics key (pdf) under the “step-by-step” tab

If you're not very arty, use this hieroglyphic typewriter:

<https://discoveringegypt.com/egyptian-hieroglyphic-writing/hieroglyphic-typewriter/>

Here are some research links to webpages on Egyptian hieroglyphs to help get you started.

<https://www.historyforkids.net/rosetta-stone.html>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/egypt/hieroglyphics-uncovered/>



**COMPETITION  
TIME!**

**Prize available for 1<sup>st</sup>  
place!**

**Honourable mentions for  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place**



# HOW TO MESSAGE MUMMIES!

I would like to see if we have any budding time-travelling linguists amongst us.

## **Please create a text in Egyptian hieroglyphs!**

You could include some of the following and/or your own, individual ideas:

- Who is the message for?
- What will you say?
- Will you include your name?
- What will it look like?
- You could do a simple text message or make it look more like a message on a (stone) tablet!
- Please include a translation in English so we can check you've got it right!



# THE GORDON'S GUIDE TO ANCIENT LANGUAGES

- Use your newly acquired knowledge to create a message, you can do it creatively on a 'stone tablet' or similar effect, or simply on a piece of paper.
- Submit your message, or a photo of your message.
- **Email: [Competitions@gordons.school](mailto:Competitions@gordons.school)**
- **When you email, please use the subject heading 'KS3 Week 9 – Messaging Mummies'**
- Closing date: 9am Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021
- Winners will be announced via weekly Schoolcomms

