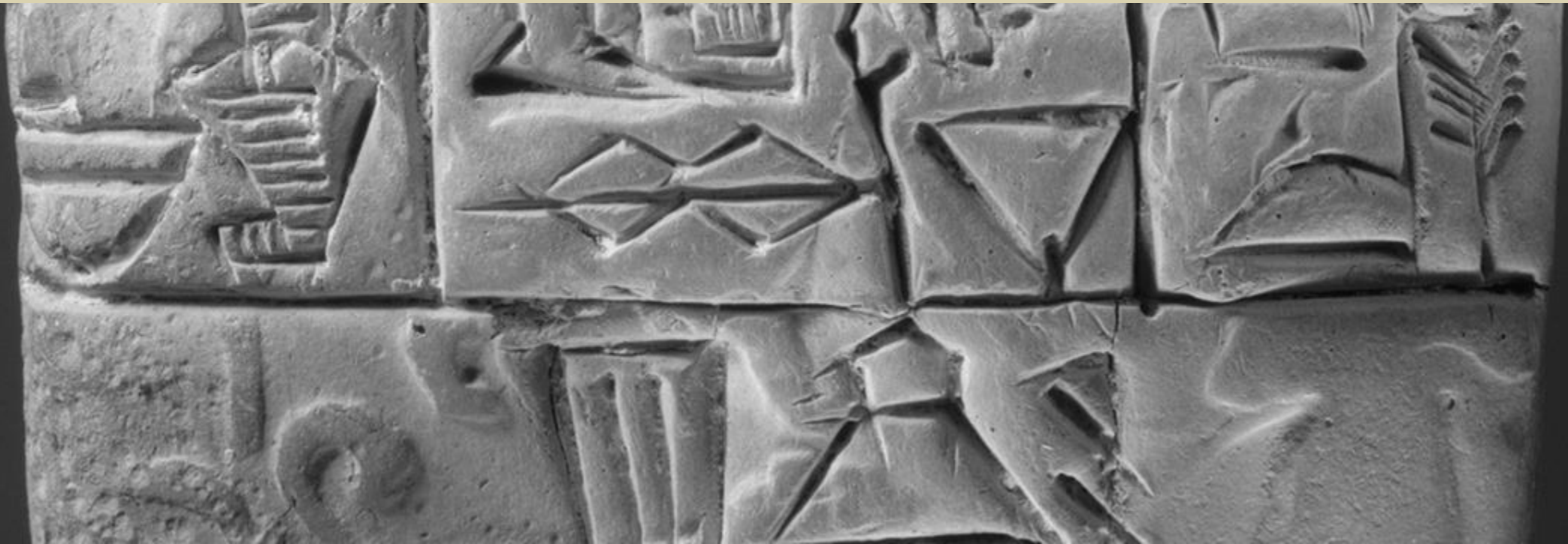


**How to Message  
Mummies, Mesopotamians  
and Mythological Mexicans**

**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.**



**Ancient Greek**

**Latin**

**SOME OF THE AMAZING  
HISTORICAL LANGUAGES  
CONSIST OF:**

**Tamil**

**Egyptian  
Hieroglyphics**

BUT WE ARE  
GOING TO  
TAKE A LOOK  
AT THE  
INCREDIBLE  
LANGUAGE  
OF  
CUNEIFORM.



# WHAT LANGUAGE IS CUNEIFORM?

- Cuneiform is an ancient language and one of the earliest forms of writing, invented by Sumerians in Mesopotamia.
- What we would like you to do is to do a research into this fascinating language and create your own message in Cuneiform.



## Here are some YouTube links on how to write Cuneiform:

<https://youtu.be/HbZ2asfyHcA>

<https://youtu.be/PfYYraMgiBA>

<https://youtu.be/XVmsfL5LG90>

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

<https://www.ancient.eu/cuneiform/>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cuneiform>

<https://www.archaeology.org/issues/213-1605/features/4326-cuneiform-the-world-s-oldest-writing>

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/ancient-egypt/cuneiform-6-things-you-probably-didnt-know-about-the-worlds-oldest-writing-system/>



**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, Mesopotamians and Mythological Mexicans

I would like to see if we have any budding Philologists (someone who studies language in spoken and historical sources) amongst us.

Please create your own blog entry in  
**Cuneiform!**  
Please include a translation so we can check if you got it right!

You could write your message about:

Give an account of your family, who is who?

A day in the life of ....

Describe a gathering of some sort.

Describe an area.

Create an interview

Or anything else which inspires you!



# THE GORDON'S GUIDE TO HOW TO MESSAGE MUMMIES, MESOPOTAMIANS AND MYTHOLOGICAL MEXICANS

- 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 'KS4 Week 3 – Messaging Mesopotamians'**
- Closing date: 18<sup>th</sup> **May 2020**
- Winners will be announced via weekly Schoolcomms

