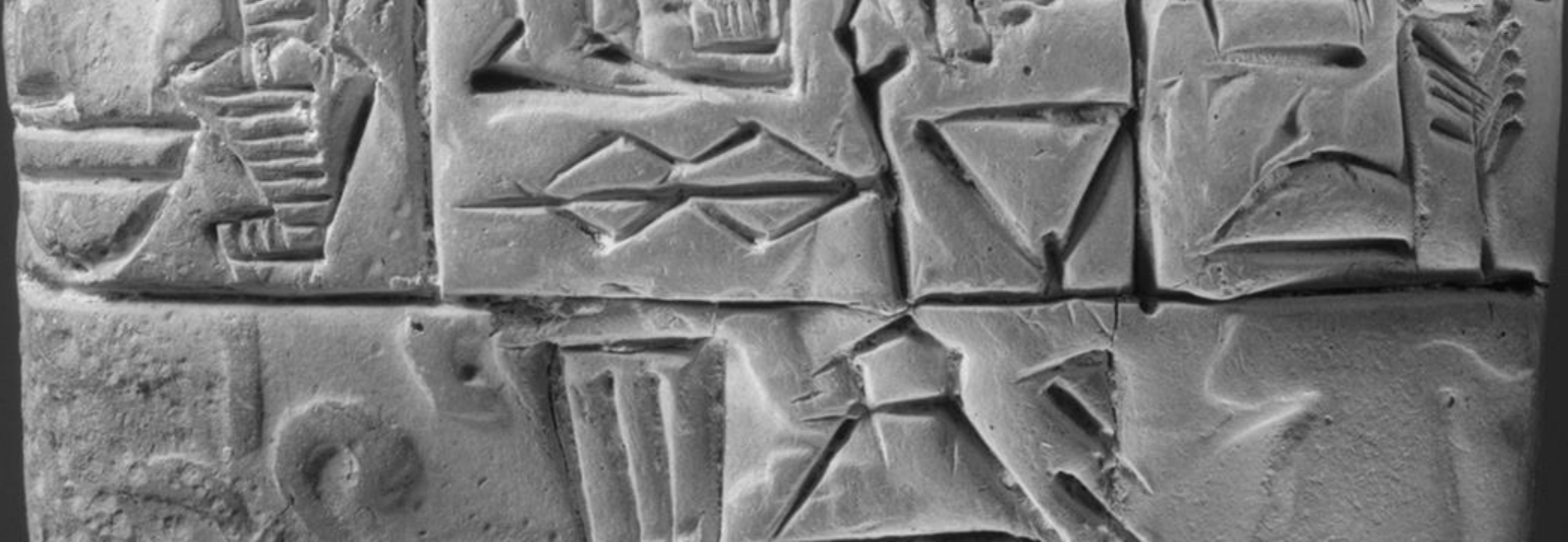


The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of a textured surface, likely a piece of ancient clay or stone, covered in intricate cuneiform script. The script is carved into the surface, creating a series of raised and recessed areas that form various wedge-shaped characters. The texture is rough and uneven, with many small cracks and creases visible throughout the material. The overall color is a warm, earthy brown.

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 1st
place!**

**Honourable mentions for
2nd and 3rd 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**
- **When you email, please use the subject heading 'KS3 Week 3 – Messaging Mummies'**
- Closing date: 18th **May 2020**
- Winners will be announced via weekly Schoolcomms

