# **Core Skills Analysis**

# English

- Roo enhanced reading comprehension by engaging with historical texts about Ancient Egyptians on BBC Bitesize.
- The activity introduced key vocabulary related to Ancient Egypt, strengthening language development in context.
- By playing educational games, Roo practiced interpreting textual information and instructions.
- Exposure to different styles of informational writing helped improve Roo's ability to understand non-fiction material.

# History

- Roo gained foundational knowledge about Ancient Egyptian civilization, including cultural and historical facts.
- The games facilitated active learning and reinforced historical timelines and key events.
- Roo learned research skills by exploring various resources and synthesizing information about Ancient Egypt.
- Engagement with multimedia content helped deepen understanding of historical contexts and artifacts.

# **Social Studies**

- Roo developed an awareness of how Ancient Egyptians lived and their societal structure.
- Learning about Ancient Egypt promoted understanding of how past societies influence modern culture.
- The activity introduced concepts of cultural diversity and heritage.
- Interactions with history-based games encouraged critical thinking about social organization and traditions.

# Tips

To deepen Roo's understanding of Ancient Egypt, consider expanding learning through hands-on activities like creating simple models of pyramids or hieroglyphics writing. Visiting a local museum or virtual tours can bring history to life, connecting stories learned online with tangible artifacts. Encourage Roo to write a short story or diary entry from the perspective of an Ancient Egyptian child, blending creativity with factual learning. Incorporating family discussions about cultural heritage and comparisons with other ancient civilizations will further develop critical thinking and social awareness.

#### **Book Recommendations**

- <u>Egyptology: Search for the Tomb of Osiris</u> by Emily Sands: A fun, interactive book that combines storytelling with puzzles and facts about Ancient Egypt, perfect for young readers.
- <u>The Usborne Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt</u> by Jane Bingham: An illustrated guide packed with detailed information about Ancient Egyptian life, culture, and history suitable for children.
- <u>Magic Tree House Fact Tracker #6: Mummies and Pyramids</u> by Mary Pope Osborne: This nonfiction companion to the Magic Tree House series explores Ancient Egypt with easy-tounderstand facts and engaging illustrations.

## **Learning Standards**

- UK National Curriculum History KS2: Understand and contrast the achievements of the earliest civilizations (including Ancient Egypt) History Year 3 and 4.
- English KS1/2: Develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for reading non-fiction texts

related to history - English Years 3 and 4.

• PSHE/Social Studies: Understanding different cultures and societies to appreciate diversity - KS2 Citizenship.

# **Try This Next**

- Create a worksheet for Roo to match Ancient Egyptian symbols with their meanings.
- Design a quiz to test Roo's knowledge of key facts about Ancient Egypt learned during the games.
- Have Roo draw and label a simple Ancient Egyptian artifact, like a scarab beetle or an ankh.
- Prompt a creative writing task: 'Write a day in the life of an Ancient Egyptian child.'