

What you already know: You have previously learnt about other ancient civilisations and times such as the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. Some of you may have also learnt about Ancient Greek and Mayan civilisations.

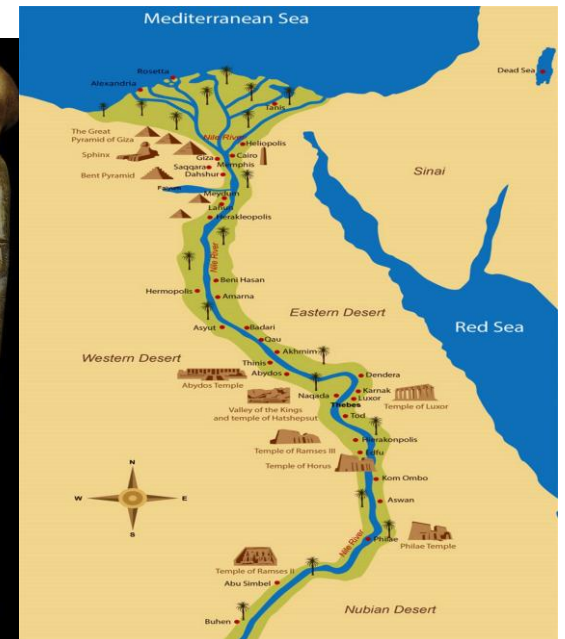
During this unit, you will learn about the Ancient Egyptians, including where they appear in history, what life was like, what was important to them as well as learn about some important discoveries and artefacts. This topic will link with your previous learning and help you understand where the Egyptians fit on the 'Ancient' timeline.

What you will know by the end of this unit:

Empire – you will learn that the Ancient Egyptians were led by one pharaoh and that there was a strict hierarchy, with slaves at the bottom.

Civilisation – you will learn where the Ancient Egyptians lived and why they lived there, you will also learn that they believed in an afterlife whereby those who had wealth would mummify their dead and use many rituals to enable them to get into the afterlife.

Parliament – you will learn that the people of ancient Egypt lived by laws and rules made by the pharaoh. The pharaoh or king had many advisors around them who would help them run the country. Although the rules were made by the pharaoh, many areas would be run by nobles on behalf of the pharaoh. Slaves were those who had been taken prisoner during wars. These people would be the workforce used to help construct buildings such as



Key vocabulary:

Mummification - the process of preserving a body by embalming it and wrapping it in cloth; **Sarcophagus** - a stone coffin, typically adorned with a sculpture or inscription; **Canopic jars** - a covered urn used to hold internal organs from an embalmed body; **Papyrus** - a thick paper-like material produced from the pith of the papyrus plant; **Pharaoh** - a ruler in Ancient Egypt; **Amulet** - a small piece of jewellery (normally animal) worn to protect the wearer against evil; **Hieroglyph** - symbols used to represent different things (much like letters); **Scarab** - A large beetle found in Egypt which was said to bring good luck; **Sphinx** - a mythical creature with the body of a lion, wings of an eagle and head of a human.