

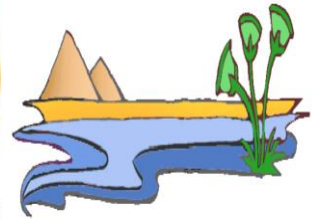


## Incredible Egyptians

In this unit children will learn about the achievements of this ancient civilisation. They will learn about: where and how they lived, what was important to the daily lives of the ancient Egyptians, who Tutankhamun was, the importance of the River Nile, how mummies were made, how they communicated through hieroglyphics and the powers of different Gods.

### Timeline of key events


3500 BC	Early settlers in the Nile valley
3100 BC	Hieroglyphic script developed
2640 BC	First stone pyramid built (Step Pyramid)
2555 BC	Pyramids of Giza built
2520 BC	The Great Sphinx built
2000 BC	First plough attached to oxen to revolutionise farming
1332 BC	Tutankhamun became pharaoh
51-30 BC	Reign of Cleopatra VII begins - the last pharaoh of Egypt



### The River Nile

The River Nile was essential to life in ancient Egypt. Every year it flooded (Akhet) leaving a black silt that enriched the soil for growing crops. Most people lived along and around the Nile. This is still true today. It was used for water, fishing and trade.

### Key Vocabulary

AD	Used to show that a date is after the year 0. This counted forwards, so 100AD is before 200AD.
Afterlife	The place where Egyptians believed they would go after they died
Akhet	The season of the year when the Nile river flooded
BC	Used to show that a date is before the year 0. This is counted backwards, so 200BC is before 100BC
Canopic Jar	Special jars that held the organs of a mummy - lings, intestines, liver and stomach 
Cartouche	An oval shape for the names of Kings and Queens
Dynasty	A period of rule when a series of kings or pharaohs all came from the same family
Hieroglyphics	A type of writing that used a combination of pictures and symbols
Mummification	The process of preserving a body for the afterlife
Papyrus	A plant that gre on the banks of the River Nile, used for recording hieroglyphics
Pharaoh	The supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt
Ra	Sun God, Lord of the Gods
Sarcophagus	A large stone box that held a mummy's coffin



### Key Figures

King  
Tutankhamun  
  
Howard  
Carter  
  
Cleopatra

### Key Places

River Nile  
Giza  
Valley of the Kings  
Cairo  
Luxor

