

## Year 4 Summer Unit: The achievements of the earliest civilisations

### Retrieval Vocabulary

AD, BC, BCE, CE, agriculture, past, polytheism, prehistory,

### Key Unit Vocabulary

**archaeologist** - a person who studies human history and prehistory through the excavation of sites and the analysis of artefacts and other physical remains

**afterlife** - life after death

**canopic jar** - a covered urn used in ancient Egyptian burials to hold organs

**civilisation** - the society, culture, and way of life of a particular area

**descendant** - a person related to an ancestor

**floodplain** - an area of low-lying ground adjacent to a river

**hieroglyph** - a system of writing that used pictures and symbols instead of letters

**irrigation** - a system of canals or channels Egyptians dug to supply water to grow crops over a larger area than the water would reach naturally

**mummification** - the process of preserving a dead body as a mummy

**nomadic living** - living by travelling from place to place to survive

**pharaoh** - a ruler of ancient Egypt

**tomb** - a large vault, typically an underground one, for burying the dead

**uncivilised** - not socially, culturally, or morally advanced

**Enquiry Question:** What was so special about the Ancient Egyptians?

**Historical Concept:** evidence, similarity & difference



Tutankhamun's death mask

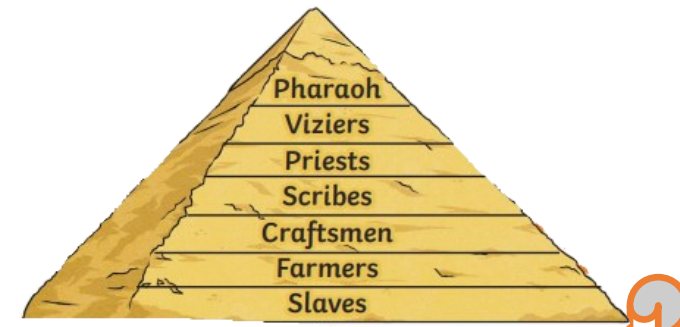
### Key Unit Facts

- The Egyptians had a structured society with the Pharaoh on the top and slaves at the bottom.
- Over 130 pyramids have been found in Egypt. The Pyramids of Giza were built for the kings Khufu, Khafre and Menkaure.
- The Egyptians invented lots of things that we still use today. For example: medicine, musical instruments, paper, pens and toothpaste.



• There were over 2,000 Ancient Egyptian Gods and Goddesses.

• Tutankhamun is one of the most famous Pharaohs. Perhaps because his tomb was discovered completely intact in 1922.



The first settlers arrive in the Nile Valley  
7500 BC

The Pyramids of Giza are built  
2555 BC

The Valley of the Kings is constructed  
1539 BC

Tutankhamun becomes Pharaoh  
1332 BC

Egypt is united by King Namar  
3100 BC

The first step pyramid is built  
2640 BC

Gods for all areas of life are introduced  
2250 BC

The Romans conquer Egypt  
30 BC

### Unit Timeline

