



Year 3 Autumn Term 2

Forceful Pharaohs

History: Ancient Egypt



Key Dates
2550 to 2490 BC
Great Pyramids constructed in Giza.

This half term, our Big Question is...

Who were the ancient Egyptians and how do we know?

Key Facts

What was special about the landscape of Ancient Egypt?	Ancient Egypt was located in North-eastern Africa and had four clear geographic zones: the Delta, the Western Desert, the Eastern Desert, and the Nile Valley. The most important part of the landscape for many Egyptians was the River Nile, which made it possible to grow food to eat.
Who was Tutankhamen?	Pharaoh Tutankhamun ruled over Ancient Egypt many thousands of years ago. He died very young and was buried in a tomb in the Valley of the Kings.
Why was the discovery of Tutankhamun important?	Tutankhamen wasn't an especially important king, but his tomb was the only royal burial found intact in modern times. The tomb was important because it let archaeologists record what an Egyptian king's tomb looked like and the artefacts inside help us learn more about
What did ancient Egyptians believe about death?	They believed that when they died, their soul would take a journey through the underworld where they would be judged to see whether they had lived a good life. Their heart would also be weighed. They would go to an underworld beneath the Earth.
What are some of the major achievements of the ancient Egyptians and their empire?	Among some other things, the Egyptians invented hieroglyphics, the pyramids, mathematics and papyrus.



Where does it fit in to the big story?



There was a thriving civilisation in Egypt from the neolithic times through to the time of the Roman Empire. What do you already know about this time period?



Key Vocabulary

Ancient	Something which is very old—often something from a very distant civilisation that no longer exists
Artefacts	a man-made object, such as pieces of art or tools, that is of particular cultural, historical or archaeological interest.
Chronological	In time order or the order that they happened.
Civilisation	A civilization is a group of people with their own languages and way of life.
Empire	A group of countries ruled by a single person, government or country.
Millennium	1000 years
Pharaoh	The Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt were the supreme leaders of the land. They were like kings or emperors. They ruled both upper and lower Egypt and were both the political and religious leader. The Pharaoh was often thought of as one of the gods.
Tomb	A place where someone may be placed once they have died.

What do we already know?

So far...

- You have asked and, with support, answered questions about how life has changed over time for different people through looking at pictures, artefacts and simple texts.
- You have researched lives or events from the past using different sources of information.
- You have described events from the past, giving the dates when they happened.

