



This topic will allow the children to understand how the ancient Egyptians lived. We will be looking at a range of historical sources to understand religion and beliefs and importance of the Nile and the Pyramids. We will compare this time period with our lives now and the Stone Age.

What you should already know

- Egypt is a country in the continent of Africa.
- The climate of Egypt is different to that of the UK.
- Human and physical geographical features of Egypt.
- Begin to compare two different time periods.
- Use vocabulary related to historical topics (e.g. historian, explorer, archaeologist, monarch, inventor, famous person)
- Identify differences between life in the present and the past
- Describe feelings of people from the past (give possible reasons why, empathy)
- Identify different ways in which the past is represented (e.g. photo, artefact, diary) and what they tell you
- Sort artefacts “then” and “now” use as wide a range of sources as possible
- Observe and handle sources of information to gain information about the past (photos, artefacts etc.) and asking relevant questions.

Key Knowledge

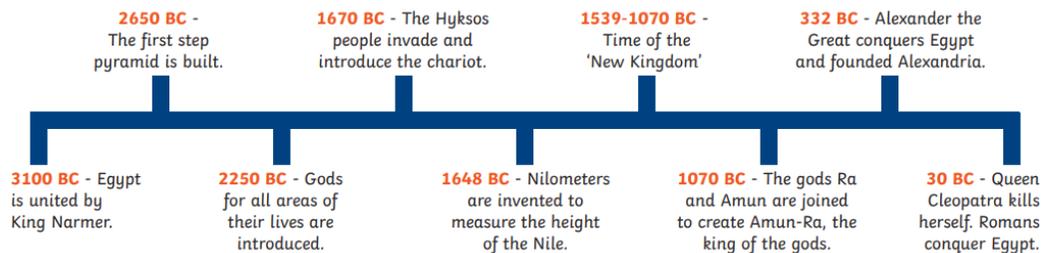
The **River Nile** is one of the longest rivers in the world and was significant to life in Ancient Egypt.

Religion was very important to Egyptians and **Gods and Goddesses** played a prominent role in their every day lives.

The Egyptian **hierarchy** was a lot like the pyramids that they built. **Society** was made up of different groups. Some were seen as more important than others and each of these groups played a different role in society.

Hieroglyphics was a form of written communication and is a key source for historians to understand life in Ancient Egypt.

Ancient Egyptians Timelines



Vocabulary

Agriculture— The practice of farming. **Afterlife**— life after death. **Civilisation**— the society, culture, language and way of life of a particular area. **Hieroglyphics**— one of the earliest known writing systems. **Mummification**— preserve a body by wrapping in cloth. **Pharaoh**— a ruler in Ancient Egypt. **Polytheist**— the belief in more than one god. **Sarcophagus**— A stone coffin. **Tomb**— A large vault for burying the dead. **Tutankhamun** - An Ancient Egyptian pharaoh.