



Year: 4

Term: Summer

Who were the Egyptians and how did religion impact their daily lives?

Key History Vocabulary	
Mummification	The process of preserving a dead body by using chemicals
Pharaoh	Ancient Egyptian ruler
Pyramids	a huge stone structure that were built long ago as tombs in Egypt
Canopic Jars	A decorative jar, often made of clay, used to store the organs of the deceased
Underworld	A place the Egyptians believed you went once you passed on.
Embalming	To treat a body with preservatives before burial
Priest	A person who leads prayer and religious services
Obelisk	a tall stone shaft with four inclined sides and a pyramid-shaped point at the top
Hieroglyphs	a picture or symbol that stands for a word or sound
Papyrus	a kind of paper that was made in ancient Egypt from the crushed and pressed stems of the papyrus plant

Enquiry Questions
What did the Ancient Egyptians believe? How do we know?
How did religion affect life in Ancient Egypt?
What impact did Pharaohs have on the civilisation?
How did the civilisation come to an end?

Key Knowledge Lesson sequence
Where and when were the Ancient Egyptians?
What was life like for the Ancient Egyptians?
Who were the gods of Egypt?
How heavy is your heart? What happened when Egyptians died?
What impact did Rameses II, Akhetnaten and Cleopatra have on the Egyptian civilisation?
How did the Egyptian civilisation end?

Enrichment opportunities.
Egyptian Day: A day to immerse ourselves in Egyptian history.
End of unit museum: A chance to show off our learning.

Questions to discuss at home. Ask me this ...
What was life like for Egyptians?
Can you name any of the Egyptian gods?
Who had all the power in Egypt?
What happened when important Egyptians died?



Recommended texts linked to the Egyptians	
<p>Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll</p>	<p>A Mummy Ate my Homework by Thiago de Moraes</p>