

# Year 3, Summer 1 - Knowledge Organise: What was important to ancient Egyptians?

## Key questions:

- Where and when did the first civilisations appear?
- What is an ancient civilisation?
- What is the difference between 'old' and 'ancient'?
- Can you name an ancient civilisation?
- Why do you think these early civilisations might have appeared near rivers?
- Why was the River Nile so important to ancient Egyptians?
- What do you notice about where the ancient civilisations are located?
- Why might people choose to live near rivers?
- How do we know so much about ancient Egyptians?
- What was the Egyptian writing system called?
- What is the Rosetta Stone?
- How was the Rosetta Stone found?
- Why are hieroglyphics important?
- What is a creation story?
- Which creation stories do you know?
  - What did people in Ancient Egypt believe happened after death?
  - What was the purpose of the canopic jars?
  - What did the Ancient Egyptians believe happened after death?
  - Why was mummification important to the Ancient Egyptians?
  - What were the stages of mummification?
  - Why do you think only royalty and the very wealthy were mummified?



## Key vocabulary:

achievement	Something important that someone has done or succeeded in it is something to be proud of.
afterlife	Beliefs about what happens to people after they die.
beliefs	Things people think are true.
chronological	Events happening in time order.
civilisation	A large group of people with a common language, way of life and governance.
continuity	When things remain the same.
creation	Something that has been made.
goods	Things that are made to be exchanged or sold.
trade	When people buy, sell, or swap things with each other, often between different places.

