

 Year 3 Spring 1: The Egyptians			
Vocabulary			
Civilisation	A group of people who live in a place that follow legal and religious rules	<u>Need to know knowledge:</u> 1) Know that People have lived in Egypt since the Stone Age and, by 3500BC, people were living in large settlements. 2) Know that Egypt is part of the continent of Africa and contains deserts.  3) Know that the most famous discovery was by Howard Carter in November 1922 when he discovered the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamun. 4) Know that from 3100 BC Egypt was ruled by kings or queens known as Pharaohs. People thought they were Gods too. 5) Know that the Egyptians worshipped hundreds of different gods and goddesses in temples. 6) Know that Egyptian writing was called hieroglyphs. 	<u>Nice to know knowledge:</u> <u>Timeline:</u> 5000 BC – Earliest traces of ancient Egyptian civilisation 3000 BC – Earliest known Egyptian letter writing – hieroglyphics 2800 BC – First Capital of Memphis (near modern Cairo). First ever pyramid- the Step Pyramid. 2520 – The Great Sphinx is believed to have been built. 2500 BC – The great Pyramids are built on a desert table and overlooking the Nile Delta. 1332 BC - The 10-year rule of Tutankhamun begins. 51 BC - Queen Cleopatra's reign begins. She is the last Pharaoh of the ancient Egypt period 332BC – 375 AD- Egypt conquered by the Greeks (which later became the Roman Empire).
Pharaoh	An ancient Egyptian ruler (king or queen)		
Pyramid 	A building with triangular sides built as an Egyptian tomb (place to bury the dead)		
Cartouche	An oval with a straight line set against it and which contains hieroglyphics of a pharaoh		
Mummification	The process in which the flesh and skin of a corpse (dead body) can be preserved (saved from being ruined).		
Embalming	To treat a dead body with chemicals to preserve it		
Archaeologist	A person who investigates civilisations from the remains they leave behind		
Sphinx 	Body of a lion and head of a human		
Descendants	A person who is related to you and who lives after you, such as your child or grandchild.		
Burial chamber	A room that is often below ground level that is used to bury the remains of the dead.		
Tomb 	A large grave which is above ground with a sculpture or decoration on it		
Hieroglyphics	A picture used as a form of writing instead of letters.		

