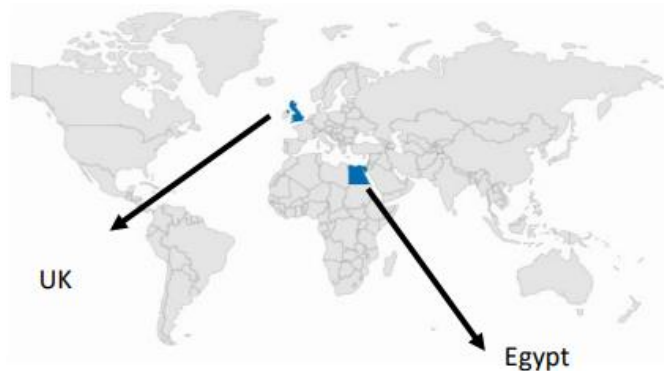


The Ancient Egyptians

Vocabulary	
ancient	Belonging to the distant past, in particular to the period in history before the end of the Roman Empire.
River Nile	The longest river in Africa. North flowing through Egypt into the Mediterranean Sea.
civilization	A fully developed society and culture.
kingdom	A country or state ruled by a king or queen.
hieroglyph	A symbol of an object representing a word, syllable, or sound
papyrus	Material prepared from the stem of a water plant, formed into sheets of paper for writing.
cartouche	An oval frame around a design or inscription, often representing a monarch
pyramid	A monumental structure with a square or triangular base with sloping sides that meet in a point. Especially built of stone as a tomb.
pharaoh	The name for an ancient Egyptian ruler.
tomb	A large vault, typically underground, for burying the dead.
mummy	A body of a human being or animal that has been preserved with special treatment and wrapped in bandages.
excavation	remove earth carefully from an area in order to find buried remains.

What should I know already?

- 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.



Timeline:

6000BC	Early people settled in the Nile valley. During this time, Egyptians began to use clay and silt from the river to make pottery vessels.
5000BC	Many Egyptians farmed sheep and cattle around this time. Some Egyptians grew wheat and barley on fertile land on the Nile valley.
4500BC	Sails began to be used on Egyptian ships for the first time. Boats were the main form of transport in ancient Egypt.
3500BC	Craftsmen began to create the first wall paintings using hieroglyphics symbols in the Egyptian writing system.
3000BC	Walled towns and villages were built in Egypt. The first buildings were made of mud brick.
2500BC	Egyptians built the Great Sphinx and the Great Pyramid at Giza. 2500-2000BC was the 'Old Kingdom' period.
1500BC	Many royal tombs were built around this time in the Valley of the Kings. 1500BC -332BC was the period of the 'New Kingdom'.
1325BC	Around this time King Tutankhamun was buried in the Valley of the Kings. When the tomb was discovered in 1922, it was found intact and full of wonderful treasures as well as the mummy of the Pharaoh covered by a beautiful gold death mask.