

# Ancient Egypt—Autumn Year 3

Egypt is a country on the continent of Africa. Ancient Egypt means what that country was like a long time ago— before 500AD.

The Great Pyramids of Giza— contain burial chambers of pharaohs and their queens. They were the tallest man-made structure for almost 4000 years.



## Key Vocabulary

**canopic jar**— Jar used during mummification process to hold the body's organs.

**excavation**— To dig in the ground to discover old buildings or objects that have been buried for a long time.

**hieroglyphics symbols**— Used by Ancient Egyptians to convey messages.

**mummification**— A way of preserving a body after death.

**papyrus**— Paper made from the stems of the papyrus plant.

**pharaoh**— A ruler of Ancient Egypt.

**River Nile**— The longest river in Africa which flows through Egypt.

**sarcophagus**— A stone coffin.

An example of Egyptian Hieroglyphics.



Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamun's burial chamber in the Valley of the Kings.



The Ancient Egyptians believed in many gods and goddesses who ruled different aspects of their lives— Iris was the goddess of nature, Anubis was the god of death and Ra the Sun God.



ANUBIS

RA

HORUS

## Egyptian artefacts

Scarab



Sphinx



Death mask

