













# Year 4 Summer Term

## Egypt Vocabulary Guide

	Word	Definition
	<b>Egypt</b>	A country in north-eastern Africa: divided into the Nile Delta (Lower Egypt) and the area from Cairo south to the Sudan (Upper Egypt).
	<b>Egyptian</b>	The term for the people of Egypt, or a person of Egyptian descent.
	<b>pharaoh</b>	The name for a ruler from ancient Egypt.
	<b>pyramids</b>	Ancient structures, with triangular faces, used as tombs.
	<b>mummification</b>	To make a body into a mummy, as by embalming and drying.
	<b>sphinx</b>	A winged monster with a woman's head and lion's body.
	<b>canopic jars</b>	A covered urn used by ancient Egyptians to hold organs from an embalmed body.
	<b>hieroglyphics</b>	Ancient Egyptian writing, made up of symbols and pictures.
	<b>irrigation</b>	The supply of water to land or crops to help growth.

	<b>Nile</b>	The longest river in the world, located in East Africa and running through Egypt and 10 other African countries.
	<b>plough</b>	A large farming implement with one or more blades, drawn over soil to turn it over ready to plant seeds and crops.
	<b>ancient</b>	Belonging to the past and no longer in existence.
	<b>fertile</b>	In terms of soil or land: able to produce an abundance of vegetation or crops.
	<b>sarcophagus</b>	A stone coffin found in ancient Egypt, typically with an inscription on it.
	<b>archaeologist</b>	A person who studies history through the excavation of sites and analysis of artefacts.
	<b>civilisation</b>	A group of people with their own languages and way of life.
	<b>tomb</b>	A burial chamber for the dead.
	<b>hierarchical</b>	A way of organising and ranking people, often displayed as a pyramid with the people considered to be the most important at the top.
	<b>Tutankhamun</b>	Sometimes called King Tut- a famous Pharaoh of Ancient Egypt.