

Scott Primary School—History Knowledge Organiser

Topic: Ancient Egypt

Year 3—Spring 1



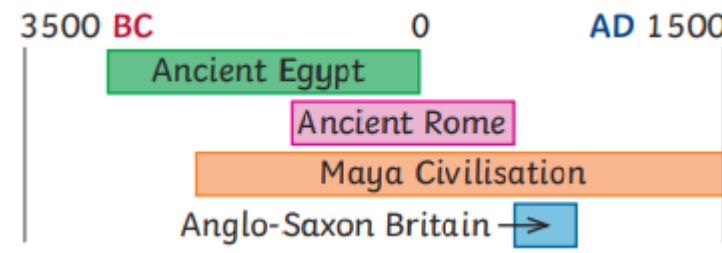
Key Vocabulary

BCE	Used to show that a date is before the year 0. This is counted backwards, so 200 BCE is before 100 BCE.
CE	Used to show that a date is after the year 0. This is counted forwards, so CE 100 is before CE 200.
Irrigation	A system of canals or channels Egyptians dug to supply water to grow crops over a larger area than the water would reach naturally
Silt	Fine particles of soil, clay or sand carried and left by water.
Hieroglyphics	A system of writing that used pictures and symbols (hieroglyphs) instead of letters.'
Cartouche	An oval shape in which the names of kings and queens were often written in hieroglyphics to show that they were special.
Pharaoh	A ruler of ancient Egypt.
Key Gods	Ra (Sun god), Amun (Created all things), Horus (God of the sky), Thoth (God of wisdom), Ma'at (Goddess of truth), Isis (Queen of goddesses), Osiris (God of the dead), Hathor (Goddess of love, music and dance), Anubis (God of mummification), Sekhmet (goddess of war, force and medicine)

Important Facts

- Tutankhamun Born: around 1341 BCE Died: around 1323 BCE
- Pharaoh from approx. 1333 BCE to 1323 BCE
- Known as the 'boy king' as he became pharaoh aged only 9
- His tomb discovered by Howard Carter and his team in the Valley of the Kings in 1922
- His tomb contained over 3000 treasures and historians believe Tutankhamun died suddenly as the tomb was finished hastily.
- The River Nile was essential to life in ancient Egypt. Every year, it flooded, leaving behind a black silt that enriched the soil for growing crops.
- The river was also used to irrigate fields in other areas. Most people lived along and around the Nile. This is still true in Egypt today.
- The river was used for water, fishing and trade. Mud from the river was used for bricks and papyrus plants were used to make paper.
- Hieroglyphs were written by scribes, who had to go to a special school to learn how to write. Almost all scribes were men, although there is some evidence of female doctors being able to read hieroglyphs in medical texts.
- Hieroglyphs were used for religious texts and inscriptions on statues and tombs. They were also used for counting crops and animals so that the right taxes could be taken
- Tombs consist of an annex, burial chamber, treasury, entrance and antechamber

Timeline



Where in the world Previous



Knowledge

Children will know about pre-history from studying Stone Age earlier in the year