

ANCIENT EGYPT KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER – YEAR 3

Key Events and Facts

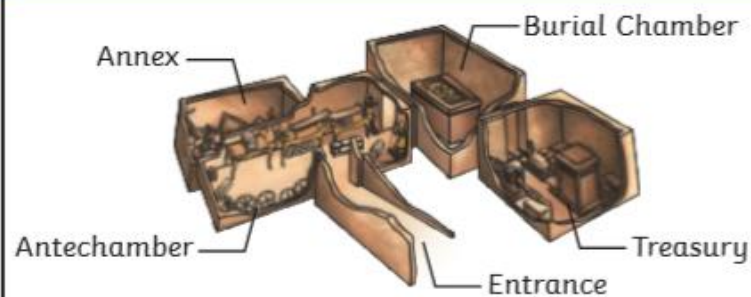
When and where did it begin?	The ancient Egyptian civilisation began 5,000 years ago when people started building villages next to the River Nile in north-east Africa . It lasted for around 3,000 years.
What did they introduce?	The ancient Egyptians were experts at farming and construction because they were very inventive. They invented a solar calendar (a calendar based on the sun) and a writing system called hieroglyphs .
How do we know about life in Ancient Egypt?	We know about the ancient Egyptians from the discovery of lots of buildings, monuments, objects and mummies. The practice of studying these items is called Egyptology and the people who study them are called Egyptologists . An Egyptologist is an archaeologist who specialises in Ancient Egypt.
How and when did it end?	When the pharaohs were good rulers the ancient Egyptians enjoyed a peaceful and prosperous life. When pharaohs were not very good rulers then Ancient Egypt could suffer from famine, war and invasions by other empires.

Key Vocabulary

BC	Used to show that a date is before the year 0. This is counted backwards, so 200 BC is before 100 BC .
AD	Used to show that a date is after the year 0. This is counted forwards, so AD 100 is before AD 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 People

Tutankhamun's Tomb



Tutankhamun inherited the throne at the age of 9 or 10. Tutankhamun reigned for roughly 10 years. He died around the age of 18 and was buried in a tomb in the **Valley of the Kings**. His burial place was hidden for many centuries. It was discovered by the Egyptologist **Howard Carter** in 1922. It contained many amazing artefacts, including Tutankhamun's famous golden death mask, a chariot and a dagger made from meteorite iron!

