

# Year 3 Knowledge Organiser **Spring Term** **Ancient Egypt**

## TERMS Key Vocabulary

<b>Giza</b>	The location of the great pyramids
<b>BC/AD</b>	BC – Any dates before the birth of Jesus. AD – Any dates after the birth of Jesus
<b>Hieroglyphics</b>	Letters and characters that made up the Egyptian Alphabet
<b>Mummification</b>	The process of preserving dead bodies
<b>Pharaoh</b>	The Supreme rules of all Ancient Egypt
<b>Pyramid</b>	A giant tomb, built for Egyptian Pharaoh's
<b>Rosetta Stone</b>	The key to deciphering hieroglyphics
<b>Sarcophagus</b>	A stone box that held a mummy's coffin
<b>Canopic Jars</b>	Special jars that preserved organs for the afterlife
<b>Tutankhamun</b>	A famous Pharaoh who was a young king and had a remarkable tomb!



## COMPARE Similarities and Differences

- **Houses:** Homes were built from mud bricks, made from mud, water and manure
- **Food:** Food was acquired through trade or farming your own crops
- **Writing:** The Egyptians used a pictorial system called hieroglyphics
- **Buildings:** The Great Pyramids, The Sphinx, The Obelisk
- **Way of life:** Trade and the River Nile would have been key to survival in Ancient Egypt
- **Tools:** The Ancient Egyptians were skilled craft workers. Many of the ways they carried out tasks are still a mystery today.
- **Animals:** Hippopotamus hunting was a popular sport in Ancient Egypt. Some believe this sport caused the injury that led to the death of Tutankhamun!

## SOURCES How We know about Ancient Egypt

- Deciphering hieroglyphics was the key
- Artefacts have been found in various sites
- Archaeologists are still making discoveries today
- Some records would have been kept during the Egyptian times.
- Preserved bodies, hieroglyphics and tomb discoveries help us identify people of importance





## Extra Facts

- Cleopatra (The last Pharaoh of Egypt) lived closer to the time of the invention of the iPhone(2007 AD) than she did to the building of The Great Pyramids of Giza approx. 2500BC)
- Beer was a staple drink for children and adults because it was safer than the River Nile water.
- Over 15m of bandages were used to wrap a body during the mummification process.
- Egyptian doctors used mould bread to treat infection – possibly the earliest form of penicillin.
- Some people believe aliens helped to build the pyramids!

## CHRONOLOGY How long did Ancient Egypt last?

- The Egyptian Civilisation began around 3,100-3,150BC when lower and upper Egypt united under the rule of the first Pharaoh Menes
- The Egyptian Civilisation continued until around 31 BC when Egypt fell to the Romans
- Ancient Egyptian Civilisation lasted almost 3,000 years
- The first Egyptian pyramid was built around 2670BC
- Pharaoh Thutmose I was the first to be buried in the Valley of the Kings in around 1492BC
- Tutankhamun was buried in the Valley of the Kings around 1323BC

