

Carr Head Primary School - Knowledge Organiser

History Topic

Ancient Egypt

Year 4

Autumn 2

Timeline of Historical Events
6000 BC—Early settlers settle in the Nile Valley
3100 BC—Hieroglyphics are developed
2640 BC—First stone pyramids built
1539 BC— Valley of the Kings starts and pharaohs are buried with their treasures.
1332 BC—The 10 year reign of Tutankhamun starts
196 BC—The Rosetta stone was carved—holds the key to understanding Egyptian hieroglyphs
51 BC—The reign of Cleopatra begins and the Egyptian civilisation ends.

Key Knowledge		
Knowledge and understanding of the past events, people and changes in the past.	River Nile	This provided water for crops and also fertile soil. People also settled by the river because of this.
	River Nile	The river also provided mud for bricks and pots. It gave an opportunity for fishing and a method of transport.
	Mummification	The process of preserving a body was important to the Egyptians as they believed this would prepare the body for the journey to the afterlife.
	Pyramids	These were built as tombs and bodies of important people such as pharaohs were put in them.
	Tutankhamun	He was known as the boy king as he started his reign at the age of 9 and died at the age of 18.
	Howard Carter	He was the English archaeologist who found the tomb of Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings in 1922. The discovery was said to be an accident with Carter's water boy stumbling across some steps leading below the desert surface.
	Religion	This was important to the Egyptians. They believed different gods and goddesses were in charge of different parts of their lives.

Key Vocabulary	
afterlife	a life that some people believe begins after you have died
archaeologist	someone who studies the past by exploring old remains
deities	a god or goddess
fertile	rich in nutrients to support the growth of many plants
hieroglyphics	symbols in the form of pictures which are used in some writing systems
irrigation	supply the land with water in order to help the crops grow
mummification	preservation of a dead body by rubbing it with oils and wrapping it in cloth
pharaoh	king of ancient Egypt
sarcophagus	large decorative container in which a dead body was placed

Know how to...	
History Skills and Enquiry	Place events from the time of the Ancient Egyptians on a timeline and understand more complex terms such as AD / BC
	Identify key features and events from the time of the Ancient Egyptians
	Use evidence to build up a picture of a past event such as the search of the tomb of Tutankhamun.
	Begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources of evidence.

