

Mediterranean Sea

Ancient Egypt Year 3

Dead Sea

How do we know about what happened so long ago?

Why was the River Nile so important?



Key Vocabulary to learn

Afterlife – The place where Egyptians believed they would go after they died

Akhet – The season of the year when the Nile river flooded

Canopic jars – Special jars that held the organs of a mummy including the lungs, intestines, liver and stomach

Dynasty – A period of rule when a series of kings or pharaohs all came from the same family

Hieroglyphics – A type of writing that used a combination of pictures and symbols

Papyrus – A plant that grew on the banks of the Nile

Pharaohs – The supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt

Sarcophagus – A large stone box that held a mummy's coffin

Pyramid – a building with triangular sides built as an Egyptian tomb

Mummification – the process of preserving a body after death in preparation for the afterlife



Key Gods (but there were MANY more)

Osiris
God of Death and the Afterlife



Key dates

7,500BC - First settlers arrive in Nile Valley.

3,200BC - Hieroglyphs used to keep records.

2,640BC - First pyramid is built.

2,200BC - First ploughs attached to oxen (modern farming begins).

1,539BC - Pharaohs begin to be buried with their treasure.

1,332BC - The ten year rule of Tutankhamun begins.

51BC - Cleopatra's reign begins. The Ancient Egyptian civilisation ends with her death.