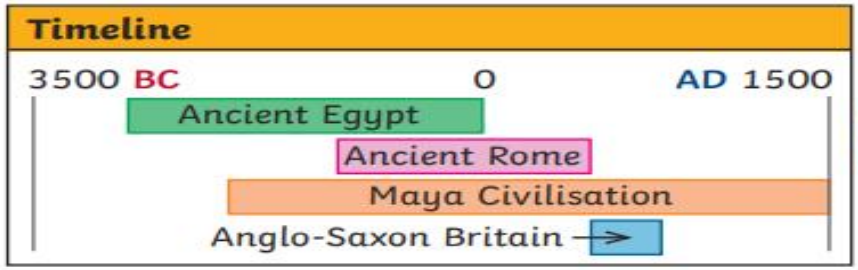
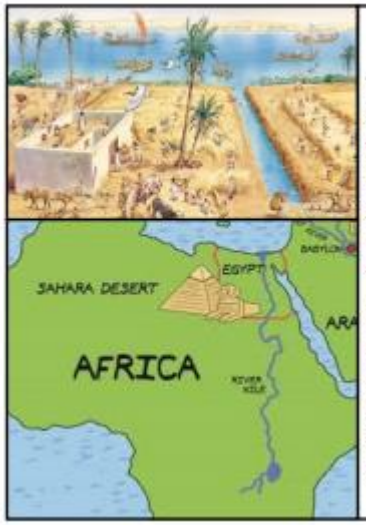
Year 5 – Ancient Egypt – Knowledge Organiser

Ancient Egypt

Vocabulary	
Archaeologist	People who discover and study artefacts from the past
Artefacts	Old objects that still exist from the past
Cartouche	An oval shape in which the names of kings and queens were often written in *hieroglyphics* to show that they were special
Hieroglyphics	A system of writing that used pictures and symbols (hieroglyphs) instead of letters
Irrigation	A system of canals or channels Egyptians dug to supply water to grow crops over a larger area than the water would reach normally
Mummification	A method to preserve a dead body
Pharaoh	A ruler of Ancient Egypt
Silt	Fine particles of soil, clay or sand carried and left by water
Tomb	A large vault, typically underground, for burying the dead

Timeline





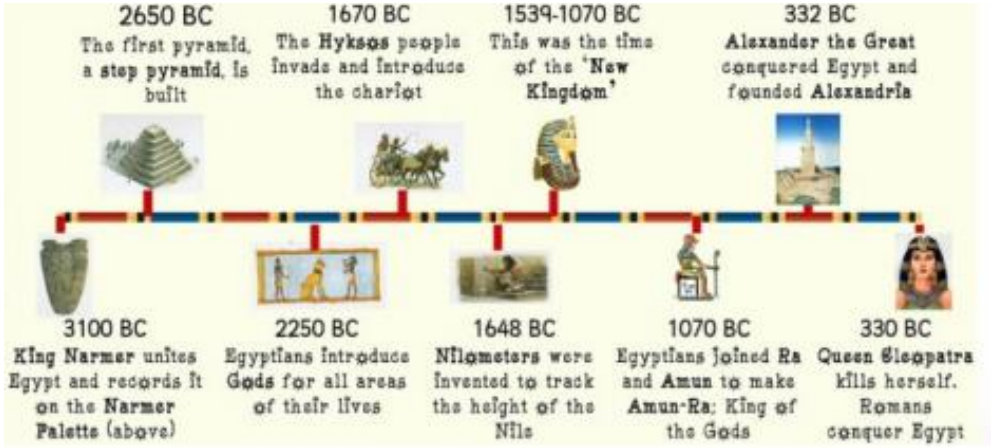
River Nile

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. 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.

Famous Pharaohs

Narmer	***Said to be the first Pharaoh of all Egypt, around 3150 BCE. Also known as Warrior Menes.***
Khufu	*Pharaoh responsible for the building of the Great Pyramid at Giza.*
Hatshepsut	*First and longest-reigning female Pharaoh.*
Tutankhamun	*Youngest Pharaoh, famed for his burial tomb in the Valley of the Kings (mask, left).*
Ramses II	*Often known as Ramses the Great, his mummy still rests in Cairo's Egyptian Museum. Built more statues and temples than any other!*
Cleopatra VII	*Often considered the last Pharaoh of Egypt. Kept power by making alliances with famous Romans such as Mark Antony & Julius Caesar.*



Ancient Egyptian Gods