Coley Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

SUBJECT FOCUS:	The Ancient Egyptians	YEAR 4	TERM

WHAT? – Key Knowledge

The Ancient Egyptians ruled Egypt over 4000 years ago. They lived along the River Nile so that they could grow crops and support cattle. There were two Egyptian kingdoms to begin with and then Warrior Menes the ruler of North Egypt conquered Southern Egypt and created one kingdom.

The Ancient Egyptians built great monuments to dead Pharaohs. They believed in many gods and thought that bodies must be mummified in order to reach the afterlife.

The Ancient Egyptian civilization ended when they were conquered by the Roman Empire.

Key Events

7500BC – people settle near the river Nile

3500BC – the use of hieroglyphs for the first time

3150BC – Narmer (Warrior Menes) becomes the first pharaoh of all Egypt

2550BC – Sphinx and Giza pyramids are built

1500BC – Valley of the Kings built

1472BC – Hatshepsut declares herself pharaoh

1336BC – Tutankhamun becomes pharaoh

1325BC – King Tutankhamun buried

1279BC - Ramses II become Pharaoh

332BC – Alexander the Great conquers Egypt

196BC – the Rosetta Stone is carved

Pyramids of Ancient Egypt



WHAT? – Key vocabulary

BC	**B**efore **C**hrist – measuring years in history before the birth of Jesus. Now often called **B**efore **C**ommon **E**ra (BCE)
Afterlife	Where the
Canopic jar	Jars for keeping the internal organs of dead people who were mummified
Conquer	To take over by force
hieroglyphics	A type of writing using pictures and symbols
Irrigation	Channelling water to grow crops
mummification	A way of preserving a dead body
Papyrus	A plant that grew on the Nile and was used to make a type of paper.
pharaoh	A ruler of ancient Egypt, like a king or queen
province	Part of a country or empire
pyramids	Monumental stone structures with a square base and sides that meet in a point
River Nile	Longest River in Africa and the world
Sarcophagus	A stone coffin – sometimes decorated
Tomb	A chamber to bury the dead

Diagrams

Map of Egypt and the River Nile



The Ancient Egyptians invented a way for writing called hieroglyphs



Ancient Egyptians mummified humans and animals. Examples can be seen on the British Museum's website.

https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/galleries/egyptian-death-and-afterlife-mummies

Beliefs

Ancient Egyptians believed in many gods some of the major ones were:

Amun – King of the Gods

Ra – the God of the sun

Anubis – God of Mummification

Osiris – God of Death and the Afterlife

Key Historic Figures

Narmer	The first pharaoh of all Egypt, also called Warrior Menes
King Tutankhamun	Youngest pharaoh, his burial in the Valley of the Kings is famous
Ramses II	Known as Ramses the Great. He built more statures and temples than any other pharaoh
Cleopatra	The last pharaoh of Egypt
Alexander the Great	
Hatshepsut	First female Pharaoh
Khufu	The pharaoh responsible for building the Great Pyramid at Giza

Possible Experiences

Understand why how the Ancient Egyptian kingdom was founded and why it was successful.

Learn about some of the famous Pharaohs.

Learn about the Ancient Egyptians beliefs about death. Explore why the pyramids were built.

Learn about Ancient Egyptian culture – clothes, food and religious beliefs.

Learn about how Ancient Egyptians used hieroglyphs and who could read and write in Ancient Egyptian culture.

Learn how we modern scholars have learnt to read hieroglyphs.

Know what happened to the Ancient Egyptian empire and how it ended.

Visit the British Museum