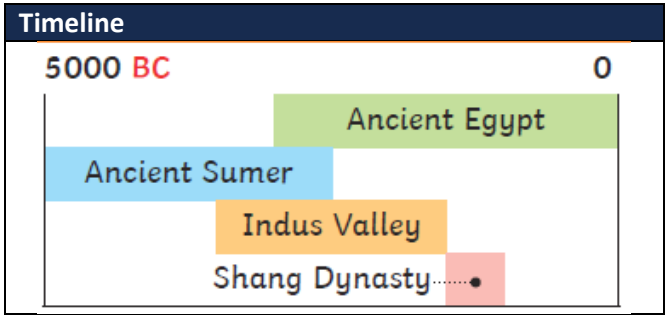




# Year 6– Autumn term Knowledge Organiser What did the Ancient Egyptians do for us?



Sticky Knowledge	
<b>Hieroglyphs</b>	There is evidence to show that Hieroglyphs, the first system of writing was established around 3500 BCE by only a few educated and important citizens; they used ink and papyrus paper and documented their stories of the gods; much of what we know is from writings that have been discovered.
<b>The Rosetta Stone</b>	The Rosetta Stone is an important artefact that was discovered in 1799. It has an inscription in hieroglyphs and two other languages – ancient Greek and Demotic, a more common Egyptian way of writing. It took linguists 20 years to translate the hieroglyphs by comparing the languages. We can now read the hieroglyphs found on many other artefacts, including on cartouches, to find out about different aspects of Egyptian life.
<b>Mummification</b>	When they died, pharaohs and important or wealthy people in ancient Egypt were mummified. Their organs, with the exception of the heart, were removed. Their body would then be dried in natron salt and wrapped in linen fabric with amulets and a Book of the Dead to take with them in the next life. The mummy would then be put in a sarcophagus (decorated coffin) and placed in a tomb. Ordinary Egyptians were simply buried in the desert.
<b>The River Nile</b>	Egypt was built around the banks of the River Nile, which allowed them to farm, fish and progress through is yearly cycle of inundation, creating a highly-fertile soil.
<b>Everyday life</b>	The river Nile was central to life in ancient Egypt; most Egyptians still live along and around it today. It had many uses as it provided: Silt from annual floods; irrigation; water for drinking and washing; fishing; trade; mud for making bricks and papyrus plants for making paper. The jobs of many people in ancient Egypt, such as farmers, merchants and builders, relied on the river.
<b>Pharaohs</b>	Egyptians were ruled by Pharaohs who were seen as gods, or half-gods, given the right to rule by the other great gods of Egypt. Pyramids and tombs were built as extravagant burial sites for the Pharaohs who employed great volumes of slave labour to construct them all by hand.



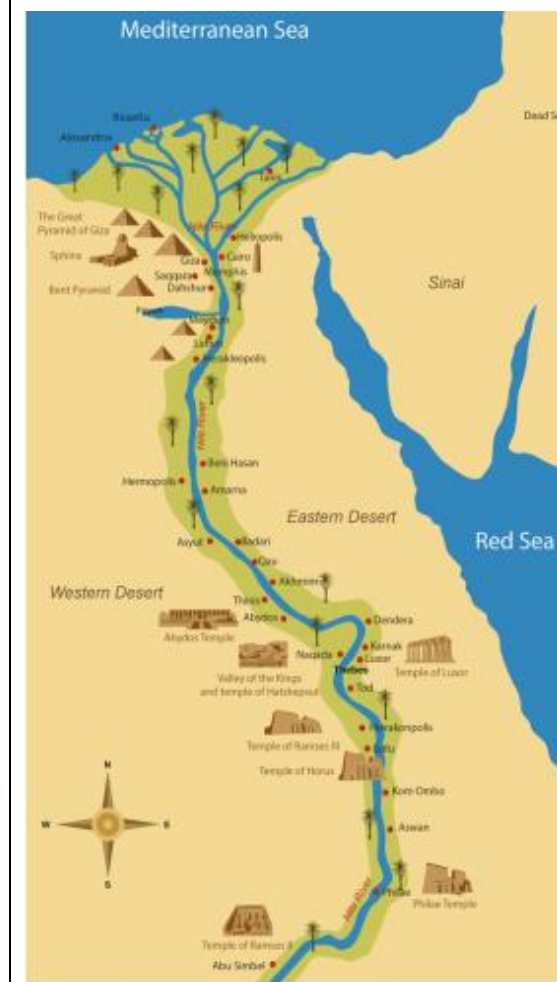
## Sticky Vocab

<b>Pharaoh</b>	The ruler of Egypt. Pharaoh means great house in Egyptian. They were believed to be gods.
<b>Hieroglyphs</b>	The ancient system of using pictures as a system of writing.
<b>Mummification</b>	The process of embalming a body after death to keep it looking lifelike.
<b>Sarcophagus</b>	The old stone coffins used by wealthy people during Ancient Egyptian times.
<b>Fertile Crescent</b>	The <b>Fertile Crescent</b> is crescent-shaped region of the Middle East that was home to some of the earliest human civilizations.
<b>Shaduf</b>	A hand operated device that pulls up water from a watering hole

## Key changes and events

<b>3500 BC</b>	First settlers arrive on the Nile
<b>3100 BC</b>	Upper and Lower Egypt is united
<b>2686 BC</b>	Old Kingdom begins
<b>2560 BC</b>	Pyramid of Giza is completed
<b>1975 BC</b>	Middle Kingdom begins
<b>1520 BC</b>	New Kingdom begins
<b>525 BC</b>	Persians invade Ancient Egypt
<b>332 BC</b>	Conquered by Alexander The Great

## Map of Ancient Egypt



<b>Amenhotep</b> (Pharaoh 1391 – 1353 BC)	<b>Tutankhamen</b> (Pharaoh 1341 – 1323 BC)	<b>Rameses II</b> (Pharaoh 1303 – 1213 BC)	<b>Cleopatra</b> (Pharaoh 69 – 39 BC)	<b>Howard Carter</b> Archaeologist (1874 – 1939)
Ruled Egypt during the peak of the civilization.	The most famous of Pharaohs due to his discovered tomb.	Often regarded as the greatest and longest reigning ruler.	The last ruling Pharaoh before killing herself with a snake.	Found King Tut's tomb in the Valley Of The Kings in 1923.

