

# National Junior School - Knowledge Organiser

History topic:

**Ancient Egyptian Civilization.**

**Year 4**

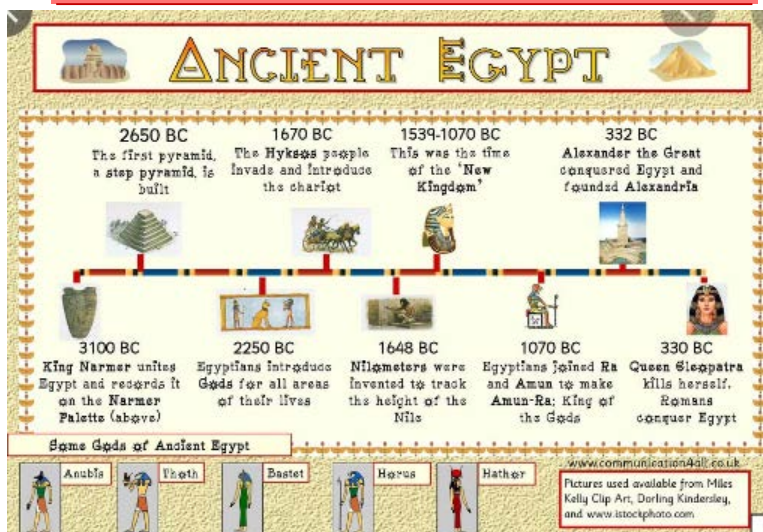
**Autumn**



## Background understanding for teachers and parents

Ancient Egypt was a civilization of an ancient North Africa, found mostly along the Nile River. The story of ancient Egypt has survived for thousands of years, it was one of the greatest civilizations of the past. The monuments and tombs of their Pharaohs continue to stand intact today, some 4,000 years later. In the Autumn term year 4 will learn all about what made this civilization so successful. This topic links into the year 3, Autumn term topic of the Romans. The children will discover the links between the ancient Egyptian world and the Romans in Italy, including the romances between Cleopatra and famous Roman leaders.

## When? (Timeline of events)



This timeline shows the key events that occurred during the ancient Egyptian Civilisation. BC refers to 'Before Christ' and AD refers to 'Anno Domini', which means the year of the lord.

## What? (Key Vocabulary)

Spelling	Definition/Sentence
Pharaoh	A title of an ancient Egyptian king, he was the most important and powerful person.
Upper and Lower Egypt	The terminology "Upper" and "Lower" derives from the flow of the Nile from the highlands of East Africa northwards to the Mediterranean Sea.
Hieroglyphics	Pictures that represented different things, the script was one of the writing systems used by ancient Egyptians.
Mummification	The process of preserving a dead body so that the soul can live on to the afterlife.
Social class	A group of people within a society who have similarities based on their education, wealth, job and family.
Hierarchy	A system whereby members are ranked according to their status.
Pyramids	Built as tombs for the pharaohs and their queens, with all their riches.
Rosetta Stone	Written to honour the Pharaoh.
Civilization	People living in large well-organised groups like towns and cities.
Rosetta stone	Written to honour the Pharaoh.

## Who? Where?

Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Narmer/Menes- First Pharaoh to unite Upper and Lower Egypt.</li> <li>Tutankhamun- Known as the boy king.</li> <li>Cleopatra- A female Pharaoh who extended the borders of Egypt.</li> </ul> <p>Who was known as a 'God on earth?'</p>
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Ancient Egyptian jobs and class system.



## How? History Skills

World map	How do we locate Egypt on a map? How do we locate the UK on a world map?
Timelines	How do the terms BC and AD help us with timelines?

## Prior knowledge

During the Autumn term of year 3, the children learnt about a desert climate region. They focused on the habitat, animals found there and the people who live there. During the Spring term they learnt about the Romans, during this topic the children learnt to work chronologically, use sources and discuss events.

