



Castle Hill Primary School Knowledge Organisers

Year 3 Summer 1 The Egyptians

civilisation	A group of people who live in a place that follow legal and religious rules
pharaoh	An ancient Egyptian ruler (king or queen)
pyramid 	A building with triangular sides built as an Egyptian tomb (place to bury the dead)
cartouche	An oval with a straight line set against it and which contains hieroglyphics of a pharaoh
mummification	The process in which the flesh and skin of a corpse (dead body) can be preserved (saved from being ruined).
embalming	To treat a dead body with chemicals to preserve it
archaeologist	A person who investigates civilisations from the remains they leave behind
sphinx 	Body of a lion and head of a human
descendants	A person who is related to you and who lives after you, such as your child or grandchild.
burial chamber	A room that is often below ground level that is used to bury the remains of the dead.
chisel	A tool which has a long metal blade with a sharp edge at the end. Used for cutting wood or stone.
tomb	A large grave which is above ground with a sculpture or decoration on it
hieroglyphics	A picture used as a form of writing instead of letters.

Here is an example of hieroglyphics:



Map of Egypt



Timeline:

5000 BC - Earliest traces of ancient Egyptian civilisation
 3000 BC - Earliest known Egyptian letter writing - hieroglyphics
 2800 BC - First Capital of Memphis (near modern Cairo). First ever pyramid- the Step Pyramid.
 2520 - The Great Sphinx is believed to have been built.
 2500 BC - The great Pyramids are built on a desert table and overlooking the Nile Delta.
 1332 BC - The 10-year rule of Tutankhamun begins.
 51 BC - Queen Cleopatra's reign begins. She is the last Pharaoh of the ancient Egypt period.
 332BC - 375 AD- Egypt conquered by the Greeks (which later became the Roman Empire).
 November 1922 - Howard Carter discovers the tomb of Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings.
 Children need to know that the long period of time is divided up into 3 main periods:
 The Old Kingdom (Days of pyramids)
 The Middle Kingdom (Days of king Tutankhamun)
 The New Kingdom (Days of king Tutankhamun)

Pyramid Construction

1. Approximately 4,000 Egyptian workers built the pyramids.
2. Workers cut huge blocks of stone out of the ground.
3. Stones were loaded onto boats, which took them to them to the pyramids to the River Nile.
4. Using a chisel and a hammer, workers moved heavy blocks using wooden sledges on ramps up the side of pyramids.
5. Pharaohs were usually buried under the pyramid structure although some had burial chambers built inside the pyramid.

