



# Brookfield Primary School Knowledge Organiser



## Year 3: What was important to the Ancient Egyptians?

History is the study of how people used to live in the past and how things have changed over time.

### The River Nile

The ancient Egyptian civilisation developed along the banks of the River Nile. It gave ancient Egyptians water for drinking, fishing and trade. It flooded every year, making the soil rich for growing crops.



### The afterlife

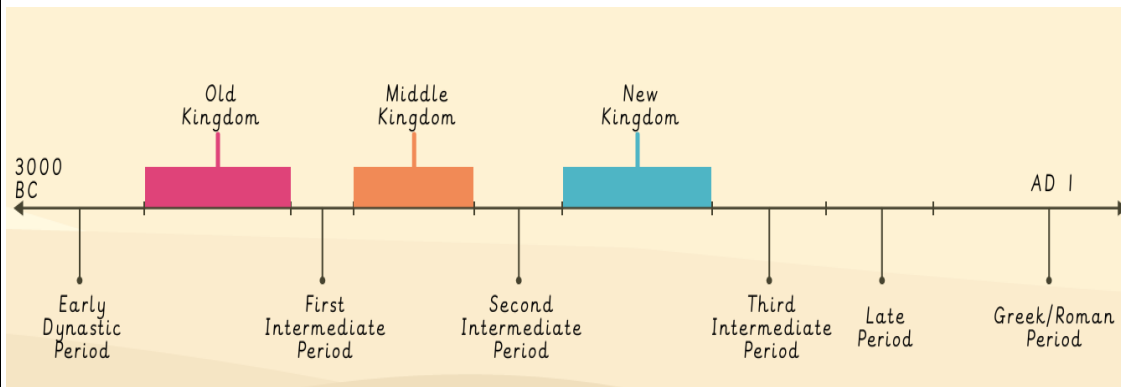
The ancient Egyptians believed in life after death and that people would journey to another world where they could live forever. They preserved the bodies of the dead because they believed the soul needed the body for its journey to the afterlife.

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### Hieroglyphics

Ancient Egyptians had a writing system made up of hieroglyphs - symbols representing sounds, words or ideas. Specially trained scribes used them to record important events, laws and prayers on papyrus and they were inscribed on temple and tomb walls.



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| <b>ancient</b>       | From a very long time ago.  |
| <b>civilization</b>  | A large group of people with a common language, way of life and governance. |
| <b>fertile</b>       | Soil which is rich with nutrients and good for growing crops.               |
| <b>hieroglyphics</b> | A writing system using pictures and symbols.                                |
| <b>immortal</b>      | Living forever.   |
| <b>mummification</b> | The process of preserving a dead body as a mummy.                           |
| <b>papyrus</b>       | A plant that grows along the River Nile which was used to make paper.       |
| <b>pharaoh</b>       | A ruler of ancient Egypt, like a king or queen.                             |

### General Historical Words

Century Chronology Date Decade Era  
Evidence Invade Peace Settle war

Where and when did the first civilizations appear?

Why was the River Nile important to the Ancient Egyptians?

How do we know so much about the Ancient Egyptians?

What do sources suggest about beliefs in Ancient Egypt?

What did people in Ancient Egypt believe happened after death?

Who ruled Ancient Egypt and what happened to them after death?

