Ancient Egypt

Timeline	
7500BC	Settlers first arrived at the River Nile.
3200BC	Hieroglyphics are used to keep trade records and trade increased.
2640BC	The first 'Step Pyramid' was built.
2555BC	The Giza pyramids were built for king Khufu, Khafre and Menkaure.
2520BC	The Sphinx was built.
2200BC	Ploughs were attached to Oxen for farming.
1332BC	The reign of Tutankhamun begins and he became king at age 9.
332BC	Alexander the Great conquered Egypt.
51BC	The rule of Cleopatra begins and she ruled for 21 years.

Fun facts!

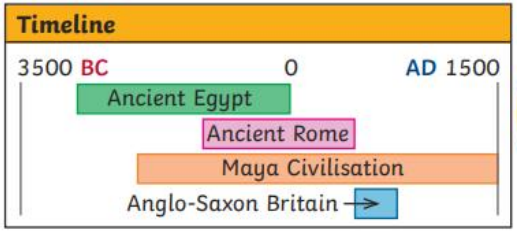
- Found in the Valley of the Kings is the most famous tomb of Tutankhamun. This was discovered by British archaeologist, Howard Carter in 1922.
- Most pyramids were built as tombs for pharaohs. To date, over 130 pyramids have been discovered.
- There were 12 main gods. Their names were Anubis, Amun, Horus, Ra, Thoth, Osiris, Isis, Seth, Sekhmet, Ptah, Hathor and Nephthys.

Tutankhamun's death mask

Embalming and Mummification

1. Wash the body.
2. Pull out the brain through the nostrils with a hook and fill the skull with sawdust.
3. Remove all internal organs except the heart. Put them into canopic jars.
4. Cover the body in natron salt and leave it to dry for 40 days.
5. Remove the natron salt and pack the body with straw, dried grass or linen.
6. Apply makeup and fake eyes.
7. Wrap the body in linen fabric, adding amulets and a Book of the Dead.
8. Place the mummy in a sarcophagus (decorated coffin).

canopic jars



Key Vocabulary	
Archaeologist	A person who studies history by analysing artefacts.
Ancient	Distant past. Long ago.
Astronomer	An expert of the study of stars.
Hieroglyphics	A form of writing from the ancient period.
Tomb	A large space, usually under the ground, for burying the dead.
Conquered	To take control of a place, usually with military presence.
Papyrus	A material made in ancient Egypt from plant stem for writing or making ropes, sandals or boats.
Trade	The act of buying and selling goods.
BC	Use to show dates before the year 0. It counts backwards.
AD	Used to show dates after the year 0. This is counted forwards.
Pharaoh	A ruler in ancient Egypt.