Thundersley Primary School - Knowledge Organiser for children

History Topic: the achievements of the earliest civilizations – where and when the first civilizations appeared

Ancient Civilisations: Egypt (about 5000 years ago)

Year 3



Before: Humans were hunter-gatherers.

What happened: Humans settled in one place. They formed governments and cities,

became farmers and wrote things down. (civilisation)

After: They created things that are still important now.

Chronology

(from about 5000 years ago)

The Ancient Egyptian Civilisation developed over thousands of years.





People settle along the River Nile.

Writing— hieroglyphics— are used.

Pyramids are built.

They create the calendar, ramps, levers, maths, medicine and make-up.

What? (Key Vocabulary)	
Spelling	Definition/Sentence
ancient	Very old
Egyptians	People of Egypt - in ancient times, ruled over by a pharaoh
River Nile	The longest river in Africa.
ritual	A ceremony or action done in a particular and special way

'I am a historian' Key Concepts

Enquiry Ask relevant questions— How can we know so much about the Ancient Egyptians? Where can we find different evidence? What does an archaeologists do? What was so clever about the Ancient Egyptians? How did they build the pyramids?

Interpretation Use evidence—physical features of Egypt, pyramids, hieroglyphics, papyrus rolls, artefacts found in tombs - to find out who, when, where, how? What is meant by 'The Gift of the Nile?' What did they believe and how do we know?

Chronology and Communication Use historical vocabulary: civilisation, ancient, ritual, evidence, beliefs.

Knowledge/understanding Describe the events on the timeline. Describe everyday life for men, women and children. Describe what Ancient Egypt had in common with other civilizations from that time.

The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China Ancient Indus Valley India Ancient Sumer Iraq





