History Knowledge Organiser - Year 3

Topic: Ancient Egypt— What was life like in Ancient Egypt?

Key Vocabulary

ancient	From a time long past.
artefact	An object made by humans.
archaeologist	A person who learns about human history through excavation and looking at artefacts .
change	When something alters, there is a change.
civilization	The culture of a particular society that has reached an advanced level .
continuity	When something stays the same.
Egypt	A country in North Africa on the Mediterranean and Red Seas.
evidence	Something that gives proof or reason to believe.
Pharaoh	The supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt.
primary source	A source produced at the time e.g. a diary, newspaper report and a photograph.
secondary source	A source made a long time after the event e.g. historical books.
tomb	A large structure underground to bury dead people.
River Nile	The longest river in Africa which flows through Egypt.

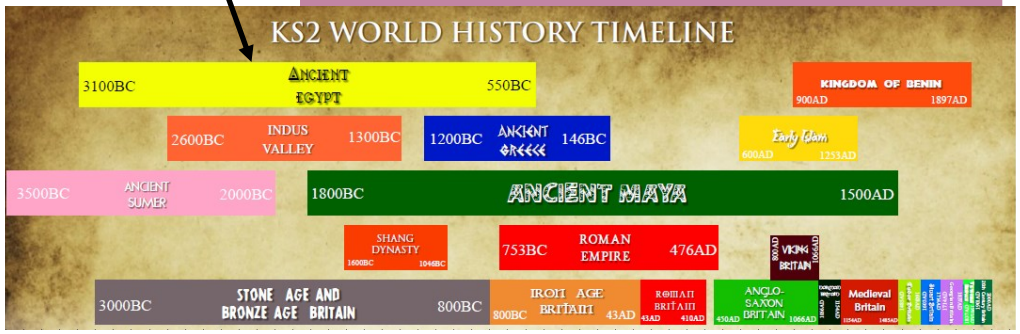
Skills:

History:

- Use evidence to ask questions and find answers to questions about the past.
- Describe the characteristic features of the past.
- Understand the concept of change over time.
- Use more than one source of evidence for historical enquiry.
- Describe the social, ethnic, cultural or religious diversity of past society.

Key Facts

- The majority of people who lived in Ancient Egypt were farmers.
- The river Nile was essential to life in ancient Egypt. Every year, it flooded, leaving behind a black silt that enriched the soil for growing crops. The river was also used to irrigate fields in other areas.
- Ancient Egyptians believed in the after life and many religious Gods.
- During the process of mummification, the major organs were removed and preserved in canopic jars.

Tutankhamun Facts

- Born: around 1342 BC
- Died: around 1323 BC
- Pharaoh from approx. 1333 BC to 1323 BC .
- Known as the 'boy king' as he became pharaoh aged only 9.
- Tomb discovered by Howard Carter and his team in the Valley of the Kings in 1922.
- Tomb contained over 3000 treasures.
- Historians believe Tutankhamun died suddenly as the tomb was finished hastily.