

# Year 5 Knowledge Organiser: Ancient Egyptians

Vocabulary	
<b>civilisation</b>	An advanced way of life, where people live in towns and have a system of laws and a way of writing.
<b>pharaohs</b>	The word pharaoh originally meant 'great house', but came to mean the person who resided in it.
<b>scarab</b>	Scarabs are amulets formed to look like the dung beetle, an animal associated by the Ancient Egyptians with life, rebirth and the sun god Re.
<b>obelisk</b>	A is a tall, four-sided, narrow tapering monument which ends in a pyramid-like shape at the top.
<b>hieroglyphs</b>	The term hieroglyph refers to the fact that it is carving for sacred things, but hieroglyphs were also written on papyrus.
<b>pschent</b>	The double crown worn by pharaohs to show the unification of the 2 kingdoms of Ancient Egypt.
<b>polytheistic</b>	The belief or worship of more than 1 god. The Ancient Egyptians believed in more than 2000 deities (gods or goddesses).
<b>sarcophagus</b>	Sarcophagus is a Greek word meaning flesh-eating and refers to the mummy case.
<b>Archimedes' Screw</b>	A machine used for transferring water from a low-lying body of water into a higher level.
<b>shaduf</b>	A long, tapering, nearly horizontal pole mounted like a seesaw which is a hand-operated device for lifting water.
<b>Hapi</b>	Hapi was the god of the annual flooding of the Nile in ancient Egyptian religion and was of great importance.



## Key knowledge

- 1. The Ancient Egyptian civilisation is recognised as being from 3150BC to AD30.**
- 2. Ancient Egyptians believed in more than 2000 deities and each had different responsibilities.**
- 3. The Rosetta Stone was the key that enabled historians to decode hieroglyphics.**
- 4. Tutankhamen's tomb, untouched by grave robbers, was found by Howard Carter in 1922.*
- 5. Cats were considered to be a sacred animal. They believed keeping a cat would bring the household good luck.*
- 6. The Ancient Egyptians were the first civilization to invent writing and toothpaste.*
- 7. The unification of Ancient Egypt is depicted on the Narmer Palette.*

## Egyptian Artefacts

**The Narmer Palette**



**The Rosetta Stone**



**The Great Sphinx at Giza**



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