



## Y3 – Ancient Egypt

### Key vocabulary

<b>Archaeologist</b>	A person who studies history using evidence.
<b>Afterlife</b>	Life after death.
<b>Pharaoh</b>	An Ancient Egyptian ruler (King/Queen)
<b>Embalming</b>	To preserve a body from decay.
<b>Sarcophagus</b>	A decorative coffin.
<b>Shaduf</b>	A hand operated device used for lifting water out of a well or reservoir.
<b>Obelisk</b>	A tall, four-sided, narrow tapering monument which ends in a pyramid-like shape.
<b>Scarab</b>	Important symbol in the form of the dung beetle.
<b>Papyrus</b>	A material prepared in ancient Egypt from the pithy stem of a water plant, used in sheets for writing or painting on and also for making articles such as rope.
<b>Hieroglyphs</b>	A picture used as a form of writing instead of letters.
<b>Inundation</b>	being flooded with water
<b>Irrigation</b>	A system of canals Egyptians dug to supply water to crops over a larger area than the water would normally reach.
<b>Archimedes' screw</b>	A screw pump used to transfer water from a low-lying body of water into irrigation ditches.

### 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 the internal organs except the heart and put into canopic jars.
4. Cover the body in natron salt and leave it to dry for 40 days.

### Gods and Goddesses

<b>Ra</b>	The sun God – The Pharaoh became this God while they were in power.
<b>Osiris</b>	God of the underworld – The Pharaoh became this God after he died.
<b>Isis</b>	The Mother Goddess
<b>Horus</b>	God of the sky
<b>Thoth</b>	God of knowledge
<b>Hathor</b>	Goddess of love and joy.

### The River Nile

Without the river Nile Egypt would have been a rainless dessert, unable to sustain a population. Every year heavy rains in Ethiopia would swelled the river and caused it to flood. The Egyptians dug irrigation canals to raise water from the Nile. This meant that they could control the flood and raise crops and animals. The Egyptians worshipped the Nile as a God, whom they called Hapi. The Nile also meant – Transport, food, trade and papyrus reeds.

### Tutankhamun Facts

Born: around 1342BC	Died: around 1323BC
Pharaoh from approx. 1333BC to 1323BC	Known as the boy king as he became Pharaoh at aged 9.
Tomb discovered by Howard Carter and his team in the Valley of the Kings in 1922.	Tomb contained over 3000 treasures.