The Orchard Primary School: HISTORYKNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

Topic: The Ancient Egyptians	Year 4	Term Spring 2026

What should I already know

- History is the study of the past
- Events can be organised in chronological order on a timeline
- A civilization is a group of people with their own languages and way of life that sets them apart from others

Key questions

KQ1 - What can we add to what we already know about Ancient Egypt?

KQ2 - How can discover what Ancient Egypt was like over 5,000 year ago?

KQ3 - What secrets of Ancient Egypt are revealed by the pyramids?

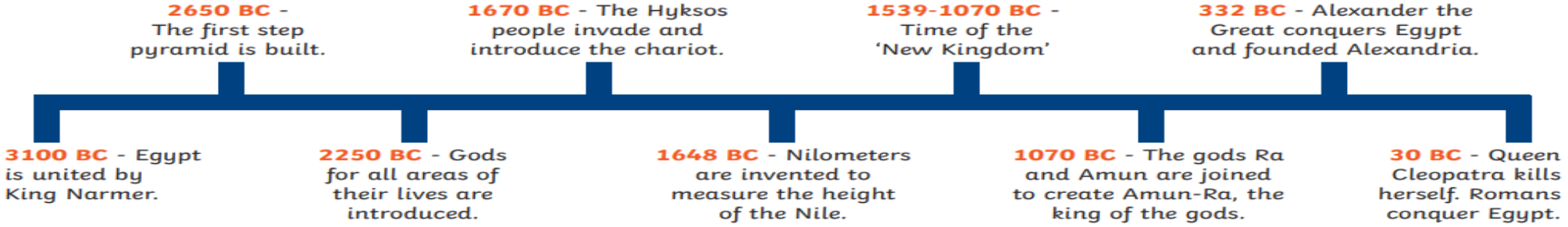
KQ4 - How did the process of embalming and mummification work in Ancient Egypt?

KQ5- How easy was it for Ancient Egyptians to enter the afterlife?

KQ6 - What can an old clay model and a pair of old sandals tell us about life in Ancient Egypt?

KQ7 -What did Ancient Egyptians have in common with other civilisations?

KQ8 - What were the key goods traded by ancient Egyptians and how did the geography help influence its trade routes and networks?

Vocabulary

Periods	a section of time with a beginning and an end
Timeline	a visual way to order events and dates chronologically
Chronological	events occurring in time order
Civilisation	a group of people with their own language and their way of life
Pharaoh	An ancient Egyptian ruler
Hieroglyphics	An ancient Egyptian a writing system that uses pictures and symbols instead of letters and words
Papyrus	a kind of paper from the stalks of a reed called papyrus
Artefact	objects that are made, used, or modified by humans and give us information about life in the past