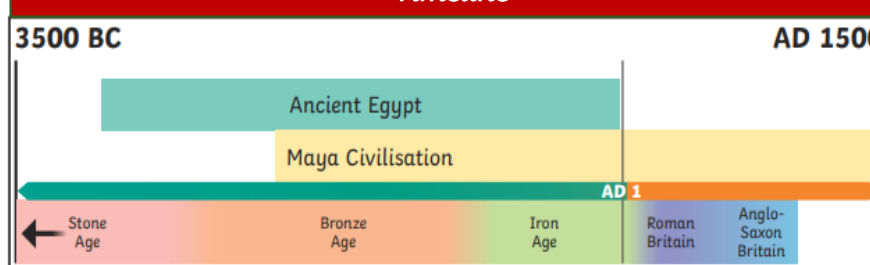


THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF EARLY CIVILISATIONS – ANCIENT EGYPT – RED SQUIRRELS CLASS





KEY VOCABULARY

ancient	Something from a very long time ago.
civilisation	A human society with rules and a government, often where arts and technology are important.
hieroglyphics	A system of writing using pictures and symbols.
irrigation	A system of canals and channels to supply water to growing crops.
The Nile	The river which runs through Egypt.
pharaoh	The ruler of ancient Egypt
tomb	A sealed room where a person was kept after death.
pyramid	Giant structures with four triangular sides built as monuments and tombs for pharaohs
papyrus	A grass like plant which grew along the Nile and was used for making paper.
fertile	Fertile soil is able to support the growth of a large number of healthy plants. Soil that contains many nutrients..
shabti	A small figurine found in Egyptian tombs which were believed to be servants of the person who had died
shaduf	A machine for lifting and carrying water.

Timeline



In c. 3000 BC, King Menes united two Egyptian kingdoms to build the empire of ancient Egypt. It lasted until 30 BC when the Romans took over.

Old Kingdom	Middle Kingdom	New Kingdom	Egypt Conquered
c 2650 BC Many pyramids built. King Djoser 	c 1975 BC Shabti figures appear Great wealth King Mentuhotep II 	C 1539 BC Powerful rulers – kings and queens King Tutankhamun buried  King Ramesses II	332 BC Alexander The Great invades.  30 BC Romans control Egypt Reign of Pharaohs ends

Gods and Goddesses

The ancient Egyptians worshipped many gods and goddesses who were responsible for different aspects of life and death.

Horus	God of the sky. The ancient Egyptians believed a pharaoh was a god-like living version of Horus.
Thoth	God of wisdom. He is believed to have invented hieroglyphics and kept a record of all knowledge.
Ma'at	Goddess of truth. Pharaohs promised to follow Ma'at and be fair and honest.
Osiris	God of the dead.
Anubis	God of mummification. He weighed the hearts of the dead against Ma'at's feather. If the heart was lighter, the person could pass to the afterlife.

BUILDINGS

Pyramids: mighty burial tombs



Temples: places to worship gods



COMMUNICATION

Hieroglyphs: symbols for writing using pictures for words.



Artwork: scenes of everyday life engraved or painted on rock inside tombs - specific style.



INVENTIONS

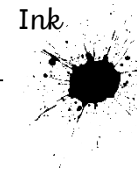
Plough



Irrigation



Ink



Papyrus

