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| **Year 3 Knowledge Organiser** | **‘What did the Ancient Egyptians believe?’** | | **Focus: History** | |
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| **Key Vocabulary** | **Chronology** | | | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Book of the Dead** | A book of spells which guided the dead to the afterlife. | | **civilisation** | A large group of people with the same language and way of life. | | **immortal** | Living forever. | | **mummification** | The process of wrapping a body to stop it decaying. | | **preserve** | Stopping a body from decaying. | | **pyramid** | A tomb built for a pharaoh. | | **papyrus** | Early type of paper made from a plant. | | **River Nile** | Longest river in the world where Egyptian civilisations developed. | | **sarcophagus** | A decorated stone coffin. | | **hieroglyphics** | Writing system using symbols and pictures. | | **pharaoh** | King of Egypt. | |  | | | |
| **Mummification** | **Gods and goddesses** | **The afterlife** | | |
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