



Knowledge Organiser

Year 4 Autumn Term

Ancient Egyptians

The big question – Why is exploration important?

Key vocabulary

History: civilisation, pharaoh, society, pyramids, hieroglyphics, canopic jars, mummification, archaeologist,
Geography: continent, physical feature, tributary, source, mouth, River Nile

Historical Knowledge (Autumn 1)

- Place key events from the ancient Egyptian period on a timeline.
- Find out how society in ancient Egypt was organized.
- Find out who the pharaohs were and why they were important.
- Find out about ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses.
- Find out about the pyramids of ancient Egypt.
- Investigate the inventions and achievements of the ancient Egyptians.

Geographical Knowledge (Autumn 2)

- Locate Egypt on a map.
- Find out some of the geographical features of Egypt.
- Use information about Egypt to plan a holiday.
- Investigate geographical features of the River Nile.

Art Knowledge

- Make a papyrus pictures, tearing strips of brown paper to make papyrus.
- Make a replica of an ancient Egyptian cartouche. Using black pen or ink.
- To design and make an ancient Egyptian necklace. Sketch different designs before selecting their final design.



Glossary

Vocabulary	Meaning
civilisation	The society, culture and way of life in a particular area.
pharaoh	A ruler of ancient Egypt.
society	A community.
pyramids	Burial tombs built for ancient Egyptian pharaohs
hieroglyphics	A system of writing that used pictures and symbols (hieroglyphs) instead of letters
canopic Jars	Used to store and preserve the main organs of their owner for the afterlife
mummification	The process of preserving the body after death by drying or embalming flesh.
archaeologist	The study of people and artefacts from ancient times.
continent	Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia, Antarctica.
physical feature	Natural features on the Earth's surface.
tributary	A river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake.
source	The place where a river begins.
mouth	Where a river flows into a larger body of water.

