

Knowledge Organiser Year 4 Autumn Term 1 Ancient Egypt

Key vocabulary: Tutankhamun, pyramid, pharaohs, Valley of the Kings, tomb, archaeologist, canopic jars, mummification, cartouche, sarcophagus, hieroglyphics, River Nile, irrigation, silt, Anubis, Ra, Osiris, Isis, Horus

History Knowledge

- To understand where the Ancient Egyptians sit chronologically in world history
- To understand how we can find out about ancient Egyptian life by looking at artefacts.
- To understand what was important to people during ancient Egyptian times
- To learn about the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun and understand how evidence can give us different answers about the past
- To explore ancient writing systems

Science Knowledge

- To understand and explain the ancient Egyptian ritual of mummification
- To understand where the main organs of the body are situated

RE Knowledge

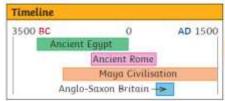
• To use historical information to compare and contrast the powers of different Egyptian gods and understand their belief system

Geographical Knowledge

- To name and locate Egypt on a world map
- To understand the importance of the River Nile on Egyptian settlements

Art Knowledge

• To explore the significance of jewellery, pottery and death mask artefacts in understanding Egyptian life







	Glossary
Vocabulary	Meaning
Pharaoh	A ruler of ancient Egypt.
Tutankhamun	an Egyptian pharaoh who was the last of his royal family to rule
Cartouche	an oval frame which surrounds the hieroglyphs that make up the name of an Egyptian God or royal person
Sarcophagus	A decorated coffin
Pyramids	Stone burial tombs built for ancient Egyptian pharaohs
Hieroglyphics	A system of writing that used pictures and symbols (hieroglyphs) instead of letters
Canopic Jars	used by the ancient Egyptians during the mummification process, to store and preserve the main organs of their owner for the afterlife
Mummification	The process of preserving the body after death by deliberately drying or embalming flesh.
Anubis	God of mummification who weighed the hearts of the dead against Ma'at's feather.
Ra	Sun God, lord of all gods.
Irrigation	A system of canals or channels Egyptians dug to supply water to grow crops