







Year 4 History Knowledge Organiser – What was the Significance of the Pyramids?



Key Vocabulary	
Word	Meaning
Pharaoh	The supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt. He or she was considered a god.
Tomb	Large vault, usually underground, used for burying the dead.
Pyramid	Large stone structure (square based pyramid) built as tombs for the pharaohs.
Mummification	A process for preserving (keep original state) a body.
Hieroglyphics	A type of writing used by the Ancient Egyptians that uses pictures and symbols
Canopic jars	Special jars that hold the organs of a mummy including the lungs, intestines, liver and stomach.
Sarcophagus	A large stone box which holds the mummy's coffin.
Sphinx	A mythological beast with the body of a lion and the head of a pharaoh or god. The Egyptians built sphinx statues to guard tombs.
The Nile	The longest river in the world and found in Africa. It was a really important part of Egyptian life where it gave them food, transport, building materials and more.
Valley of the Kings	The valley contains the tombs of numerous pharaohs, including Tutankhamun.
Gods	Ancient Egyptians worshiped hundreds of gods for many areas of their lives.

Where is Egypt? When was the Ancient Egyptian Civilisation?	
	
Egypt is in the northern hemisphere in the continent of Africa.	Egypt is in the north west of Africa. It is north of Sudan, east of Libya and west of Saudi Arabia. The capita of Egypt is Cairo.
The Ancient Egyptian Civilisation began around 5000BC and lasted until approx. 30BC.	
Who was Howard Carter?	
	Howard Carter was the archaeologist who discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun. Lord Carnarvon financed Carter's search.
Egyptian Life and Society	
	People in Ancient Egypt had a variety of jobs and roles in their communities. Pharaohs were the most important at the top of society. Soldiers and scribes were important people, farmers were less important while slaves were at the bottom of society.

History Retrieval - When was the Great Fire of London? Where was Scott's expedition to, in 1912? When and why did the Titanic sink? How have historians discovered facts about Stone Age- Prehistoric times? How did they live? How was Victorian school life different to ours? When was Queen Victoria's reign?

