



Year 4 History

Ancient Egypt: The Discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb

Subject Specific Vocabulary		Chronology	Egyptian Artefacts	
century	A period of 100 years.		scarab	
decade	A period of 10 years.		sphinx	
pharaohs	The word pharaoh originally meant 'great house', but came to mean the person who resided in it.		death mask	
tombs	A large vault, typically underground, for burying the dead.			
pyramid	A geometrical term that refers to part of the burial complexes for Egyptian pharaohs.	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Key Knowledge</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The earliest settlements were along the river Nile. It was important because it provided water for crops but also fertile soil. It supported settlers with: water for food, farming, fishing, trade, keeping clean, waste disposal and ceremonies. <input type="checkbox"/> Religion was very important in Ancient Egypt. They were polytheists - they believed in different gods and goddesses that were in charge of different parts of their lives. <input type="checkbox"/> The Ancient Egyptians' greatest achievements were the pyramids and irrigation. <input type="checkbox"/> We know about ancient Egyptian life because of evidence such as the pyramids, the artefacts that were found there and methods of communications such as the use of hieroglyphics and papyrus rolls. <input type="checkbox"/> Some of the ancient civilization's greatest achievements were writing and early number systems. 		
hieroglyphs	A picture representing a word, symbol or sound.			
irrigation	The supply of water to land or crops to help them grow.			
canopic jars	Jars with intestines, stomach, lungs and liver - all of which were thought to be needed in the afterlife.			
mummy	The body of a person or animal that has been preserved after death.			
papyrus	An Egyptian plant whose reeds are slit and placed in layers in order to form a paper.			
scarab	Scarabs are amulets formed to look like the dung beetle, an animal associated, by the ancient Egyptians, with life, rebirth, and the sun god Re.			
sarcophagus	Sarcophagus is a Greek word meaning flesh-eating and refers to the mummy case.			
			<h3 style="text-align: center;">Egyptian Hieroglyphs</h3>	