

TOMB RAIDERS

Year 3 Knowledge Organiser – Spring 2

Key Vocabulary	
Pharaoh	A ruler in ancient Egypt
Papyrus	A material prepared in ancient Egypt used for writing or painting on.
Sarcophagus	A stone coffin.
Tomb	A large vault for burying the dead.
Hieroglyphics	Symbols in the form of pictures, which are used in some writing systems, for example those of ancient Egypt.
Mummification	If a dead body is mummified, it is preserved, for example by rubbing it with special oils and wrapping it in cloth.
Irrigation	Supply land with water in order to help crops grow.
Pyramid	Ancient stone buildings with four triangular sloping sides. The most famous pyramids are those built in ancient Egypt to contain the bodies of their kings and queens.
After life	A life that some people believe begins when you die, for example a life in heaven or as another person or animal.

Hieroglyphics

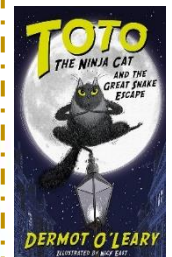
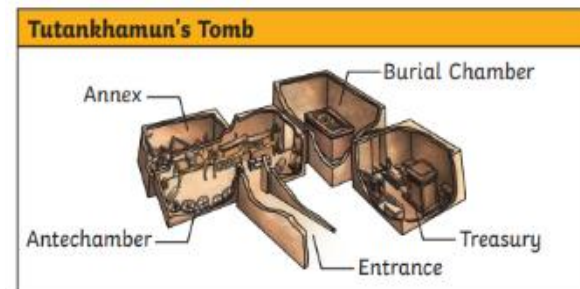
Hieroglyphics were pictures that Ancient Egyptians used to represent objects, actions, sounds, and ideas. In total, there were more than 700 different hieroglyphics. Some of the pictures stood for whole words. This was one of the first written languages.

One of the greatest legacies of ancient Egypt was the invention of papyrus.



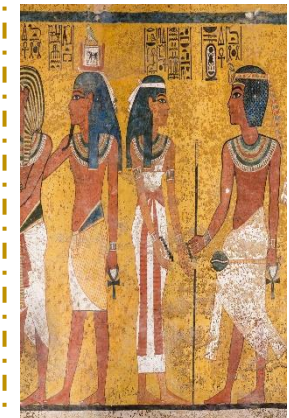
Ancient Egypt - Facts

- **The River Nile** was important because it provided water for crops but also fertile soil - this means that people settled near the banks of the Nile as it was considered a prime location.
- 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.
- Egyptian society was very **hierarchical** - this means that some groups of people were deemed more important than others.
- Each group had a different role to play in Egyptian society.
- **Mummification** was the process of preserving a body - this process was very important to the Egyptians as they believed this would prepare the body for their journey into the afterlife.
- The bodies of important people, such as **pharaohs**, were placed in these pyramids, which were built as tombs.



Tutankhamun became pharaoh after the death of his father **Akhenaten**.

Tutankhamun inherited the throne at the age of 9 or 10 so he was known as the **boy king**. Because he was so young, he had powerful advisers around him to help him rule Egypt.



Class Novel

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