




Ancient Egypt Year 4 Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary		Prior Knowledge Expectations	Egyptian Artefacts
archaeologist	People who discover our history by looking at artefacts that have been found.	Pupils should be aware that there were advanced civilizations on Earth many centuries ago.	scarab 
pharaohs	The word pharaoh originally meant 'great house', but came to mean the person who resided in it.	Pupils need to be aware that Britain was not always an advanced nation.	sphinx 
tombs	Ancient Egypt is known for its magnificent and beautiful tombs. The most well known are within the pyramids in the Valley of the Kings.	Pupils should be aware that the time the Egyptian civilization was strong coincided with the Iron Age in Britain.	death mask 
pyramid	A geometrical term that refers to part of the burial complexes for Egyptian pharaohs.	Sticky Egyptian knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Cleopatra was the last pharaoh of Egypt before the Romans took over. <input type="checkbox"/> Tutankhamen was known as the boy king, famous because his tomb was found in 1922. <input type="checkbox"/> Egyptian men and women wore make-up. <input type="checkbox"/> The Egyptians were the first civilization to invent writing. 	Key Knowledge <p>Know that there some advanced civilizations in the world 3000 years ago and know that Britain was not one of them.</p> <p>Know about, and name, some of the advanced societies that were in the world around 3000 years ago.</p> <p>Know about the key features of Ancient Egypt.</p>
hieroglyphs	The Ancient Egyptians invented a writing system. The symbols they used were called hieroglyphs.		
vizier	The vizier in ancient Egypt was the most powerful position after the king. A vizier was the equivalent of a modern day prime minister.		
scribe	A scribe recorded in writing the everyday life and extraordinary happenings in ancient Egypt.		
sarcophagus	Sarcophagus is a Greek word meaning flesh-eating and refers to the mummy case.		
mummy	Remains of a body found inside the carved and brilliantly painted burial case known as a sarcophagus.		
papyrus	An Egyptian plant whose reeds are slit and placed in layers in order to form 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 Ra.		