Humanities Knowledge Organiser

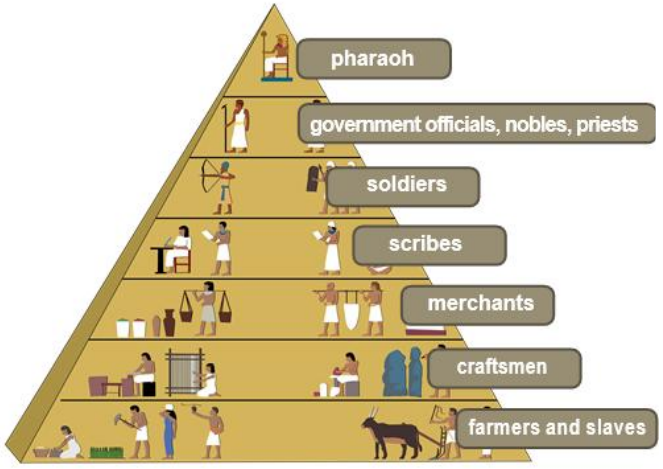
Year 4	Ancient Egypt	Autumn 1

Vocabulary

artefact	A man-made object
hierarchy	A way of organising people in order. Most important people were at the top of the hierarchy.
hieroglyphics	A writing system that used pictures and symbol instead of numbers or letters.
civilisation	A group of people who share certain advanced ways of living and working.
era	A long period of time marked by significant events or changes.
empire	Many countries ruled by one leader.

Sticky Knowledge

- People have lived in Egypt since the beginning of the Stone Age in Britain.
- By 5000 BCE, they migrated near the **River Nile**, where they began living in large villages.
- These settlements grew to create an ancient civilisation which would last thousands of years!
- We know about the Ancient Egyptians because of **evidence** left behind from that era, such as **wall art**, ancient Egyptian **writing** and **artefacts**. These have been discovered by archaeologists and studied by experts.
- The Ancient Egyptians used **hieroglyphics** to write things down. These are symbols that represent sounds or words.



Ancient Egyptian hierarchy

The Pharoah was at the top – they were the most important. The farmers and slaves were at the bottom – they were the least important people in society.

A timeline of Ancient Egypt

