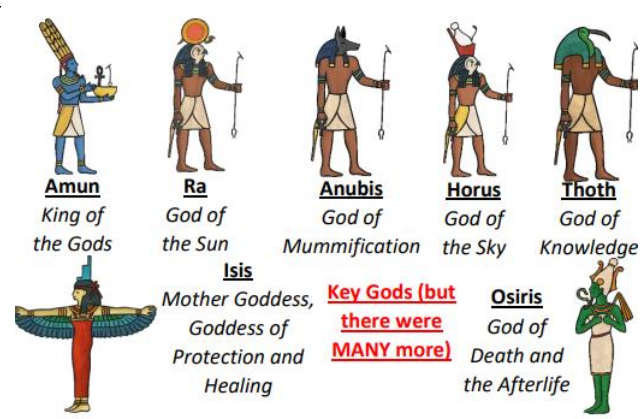
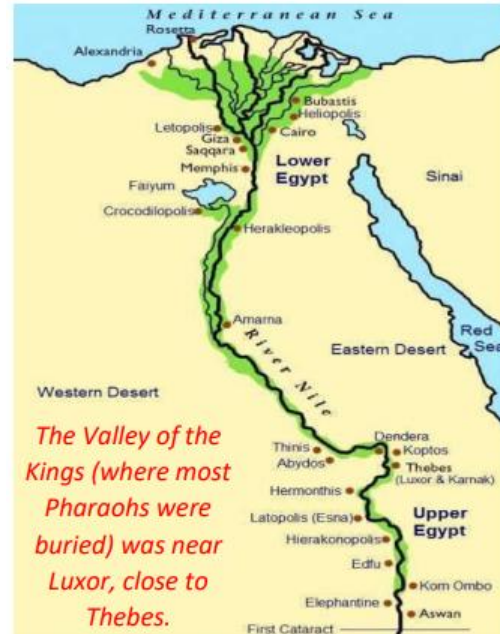
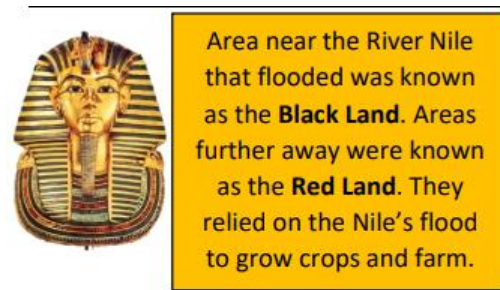


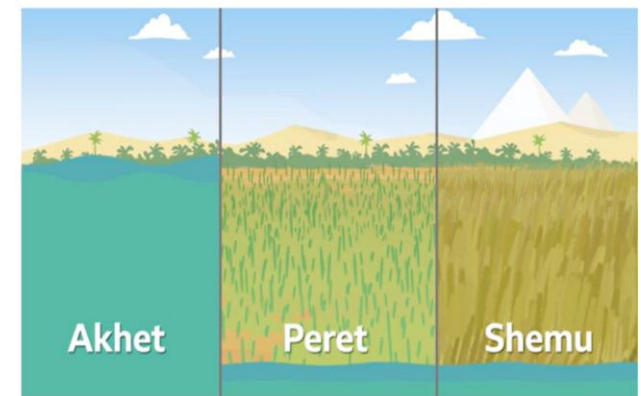
Knowledge Organiser Year 4 history: What do we know about Ancient Egyptian society?

Key Vocabulary	
Society	Society is the whole group of people that make up a community.
River dependent	To rely on rivers for water, irrigation and trade routes.
Change and continuity	Changed over time. Stayed the same.
Desert	an area of land where it hardly ever rains. Some can be dry and very hot, but some can be very cold.
Trade	buying or selling of goods.
transport	to carry from one place to another.
Irrigation	is what farmers do when they add water to their fields. The water makes their crops grow. Irrigation takes the place of rainfall in dry regions.
Agriculture	Farming
Central authority	Power in the hands of one or a few people only.
Pharaoh	The name of the Ancient Egyptian Monarch.
Hieroglyphs	The writing system of the Ancient Egyptians.
Polytheism	Believing in more than one god.
Military	The army.



How did the three farming seasons work?










The ancient Egyptians based their farming around the annual flooding of the River Nile.



There were **three** seasons in the Egyptian calendar:

Akhet	Also called the Season of the Inundation . Heavy summer rain in the highlands of Ethiopia each year would cause the Nile to flood as it flowed through Egypt. Farmland could be covered by up to two metres of water.
Peret	Also called the Season of the Emergence . As the floodwaters went down, the land beside the Nile was left covered in thick dark mud which was very fertile. Farmers used this season to plant grain, barley and other fruits and vegetables.
Shemu	Also called the Season of the Harvest . Egyptians harvested the food they had planted, collected seeds to plant the following year and stored grain in large silos.

Ancient Egyptian timeline

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6000 BC
 Early people settle in the Nile valley
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5000 BC
 Egyptians start farming in the fertile Nile valley
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4500 BC
 Boats become the main form of transport.
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3500 BC
 Craftsmen begin to use hieroglyphics on walls
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3000 BC
 Town and villages are built from mud brick
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2500 BC - Old Kingdom
 The Great Sphinx and the Great Pyramid of Giza are built
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1550 BC - New Kingdom
 Royal tombs are built in the Valley of the Kings
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1550 BC
 King Tutankhamun was buried.
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332 - 30 BC
 Invasions from Greeks and Romans. Cleopatra is the last Pharaoh.