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| North Walkden Primary School Knowledge Organiser |
| Subject: History | Term: AutumnAncient Egypt3000BC – 395ADPrior LearningChildren have been taught an overview of some of the first civilisations and studied their writing systems, mathematical findings and inventions. | Year Group: 4 | NC Link: the achievement of the earliest civilisations – an overview of where and when the first civilisations appeared and a depth study of one of the following: Ancient Sumer; the Indus Valley; Ancient Egypt; the Shang Dynasty of Ancient China |

Glossary of Vocabulary

**Tutankhamun** – a ruler known as the ‘boy king’ when he became a pharaoh aged 9. His tomb was discovered by Howard Carter and contained over 3000 treasures.

**Pharaohs** – rulers of ancient Egypt

**Hieroglyphics** – a writing system that used pictures and symbols instead of letters

**Sarcophagus** – a decorated, stone coffin

**Mummification** – the process of preserving the body after death

**Tomb** – a large, underground enclosure used for burying the dead



Howard Carter







Key Facts

Ancient Egyptians used a process called mummification to preserve dead bodies because it was believed that the body would be needed in the after-life.

Ancient Egyptians built pyramids: amazing stone structures which they built as tombs for pharaohs.

In 1922, Howard Carter (an English archaeologist) found Tutankhamen’s tomb after years of searching. No one had been in the tomb for over 3000 years and lots of treasures were found in there too.

Most ancient cities developed around the River Nile. The Nile was a life source for Ancient Egyptians and enabled them to fish, farm, trade and carry out funerals.