

# Year 5 Knowledge Organiser

## What legacy have the Greeks left us?

In Ancient times, Greece was made up of city states, each with their own rules and way of life. All Greeks believed in many Gods to help guide them.

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| Zeus     | King of the Gods                                |
| Poseidon | God of the Sea, earthquakes and horses          |
| Apollo   | God of music, poetry, light, music and prophecy |
| Hades    | God of the Underworld                           |

### Geography

Greece is made up of a mainland, as well as a number of small islands. Greece's geographical position by the sea influenced the lives of Ancient Greeks, especially with regard to trade.

- Use atlases to look at where Greece is, which countries neighbour Greece and which seas surround Greece.
- Examine the location of the individual city states (polis) and compare and contrast how their positions in the country affected the lives of people living there.



### Art and Design and Technology

- Research and design and evaluate a clay vase in the style of the Ancient Greeks.
- Use a wide range of techniques to build and shape our vase design.

### Enrichment

Greek Theme Day

### History

The Ancient Greek civilisation existed for thousands of years, but most historians focus on the time from the first civilisation on the island of Crete in c. 2200BC to the time the Romans took control in 146BC.

- Look at the time period of Ancient Greece and order significant events.
- Examine where the Ancient Greeks fit into the big picture of other historical periods.
- Determine how we know so much about the Ancient Greeks using primary sources.
- Look at the daily lives of the Ancient Greeks; their beliefs in Greek myths and Gods; and their Greek alphabet.
- Interpret and evaluate different views on the Battle of Marathon.
- Compare and contrast the City States of Sparta and Athens.
- Examine the different governments of the City States.
- Understand the legacy left by the Ancient Greeks.



### Ancient Greece Timeline

776 BC – The first Olympic games take place in honour of Greece

600 BC – The first Greek coins are used to buy and sell goods

570 BC – Pythagoras is born. He made major breakthroughs in science and maths

508 BC – Democracy begins in Athens, giving greater power to the people

432 BC – The Parthenon, the most famous building in Athens, is completed

400-300 BC – Socrates, Plato and Aristotle live, advancing learning

336 BC – Alexander the Great is King and completes many conquests

146 BC – Rome conquers Greece, making it a part of the Roman Empire.