

# Year 5 – Ancient Greeks

## Key Knowledge

- Locate Greece on a world map
- Label the main cities in Ancient Greece.
- Understand the role of Greek mythology and gods.
- Compare Athens and Sparta as cities and beliefs in Ancient Greece.
- The rise of Alexander the Great

## Key Skills

- To know and understand the place of Ancient Greece on a timeline.
- Understand historical concepts such as similarity and difference.
- How the people of Ancient Greece have shaped the lives of others.
- To gain and deploy a historically grounded understanding of abstract terms such as empire, civilisation.
- Write explanations and discussions presenting information about the Ancient Greeks.
- To use primary and secondary sources and evaluate their usefulness.



Athens	Named after Athena- birthplace of democracy
Crete	An Island south of the Greek mainland.
Macedonia	Home to Alexander The Great.
Mount Olympus	Highest mountain in Greece and home to the Greek Gods.
Olympia	Site of the original Olympic games
Peloponnese	Part of Greece where Spartans lived
Sparta	City state famous for training boys as warriors.

## Do you remember learning?

- About The Victorians and Stone-Age in Year 3
- Roman invasion and settlement of Britain in Year 4

## Key Vocabulary

Olympic Games		Sporting event and sacrifice held every 4 years in honour of Zeus.
BC		Before the birth of Jesus.
Citizens		Residents of Greek cities – split between free citizens and non-citizens.
Democracy		Ruled by the citizens, who can vote.
Monarchy		Ruled by a King or Queen.
Empire		Large group of countries, territories, ruled by one supreme leader (like an emperor).
Legacy		The lasting impact, traditions or items passed down from people in the past to the present.
Myth		a story, person, or thing that has been made up or imagined and is not real.
City State		A city that became powerful and formed its own laws with its own government.

## Greek Gods and Goddesses

Zeus	King of the Gods- God of the sky
Hera	Wife to Zeus- Goddess of family
Poseidon	God of the sea- brother of Zeus
Ares	God of courage – son of Zeus
Apollo	God of the sun, music
Artemis	God of hunting

## Class texts

Greek myths and legends  
 The Odyssey – retold by Gillian Cross  
 Mythologica – Steve Kershaw

