

History Knowledge Organiser — Ancient Greece— Year 6 Autumn term

As historians we will be learning about the life and legacy of the Ancient Greeks. We will explore how they lived and the impact they had on our life today.

Previous Knowledge

Children understand what chronology is and are able to recall previous areas of history taught to date.

Gods and Goddesses

The Greeks believed that Gods and Goddesses watched over them. This was the equivalent to their religion as they built temples for their gods and goddess to worship at and offer sacrifices to.

They also believed that there was a god for every aspect of their lives and these gods and goddesses controlled everything in their lives

Who are the 12 Greek Gods and Goddesses?

1. **Zeus**- God of the Sky
2. **Poseidon**- God of the Sea
3. **Ares**- God of War
4. **Aphrodite**- Goddess of Love
5. **Hera**- Goddess of Women
6. **Demeter**- Goddess of Harvest
7. **Athena**- Goddess of Strategy
8. **Apollo**- God of the Sun, Music and Poetry
9. **Artemis**- Goddess of the Hunt
10. **Hephaestus**- God of Fire
11. **Hermes**- the Messenger God
12. **Dionysus**- God of Wine



Key information

B.C – Stands for Before Christ

A.D – Stands for anno Domini and translates as ‘Year of the Lord’

There is no 0! It goes from 1 B.C – 1 A.D

The Ancient Greece empire spread over Europe as far as France in the East.

The Greek empire was most powerful between 2000 BC and 146 BC.

Greece was once ruled by one man, who was called Alexandra the Great, in the 300sBC.

Athens and Sparta were the two main cities in Ancient Greece and the lives of Greek people varied greatly depending on where they lived.

Legacy

1. The first Olympics were held in 776 BC and inspired the modern day Olympics.
2. Mathematics derives from Ancient Greece
3. Democracy was first identified in Ancient Greece
4. The Greek alphabet influenced the letters we used today, helping to shape modern languages.
5. The Ancient Greeks introduced lots of scientific ideas that shaped the way we think about the world today. They learned about how the human body works, developed medicines and discovered the way the sun and planets move.