Northgate Primary School Year 4 Knowledge Organiser

Ancient Greece

In this topic, we will explore some of the key events during the Ancient Greek period and we will place these chronologically on a timeline. We will also learn about Alexander the Great and his Empire as well as discovering facts about Ancient Greek daily life. We will read different Ancient Greek myths, such as Theseus and the Minotaur and The Trojan War, and we will learn about a variety of Ancient Greek gods and goddesses. Finally, we will compare the city states of Athens and Sparta and we will participate in our own version of the Ancient Greek Olympic Games.

Alexander the Great and his Empire



Independent city states existed for most of the Ancient Greek period. However, towards the end of this period, King Philip II of Macedonia ruled over all of Ancient Greece. Following his death, his son, Alexander the Great, who was 20 years old, took over the empire along with other lands that he conquered.

Alexander the Great is still regarded today as one of the best military leaders of all time as, during his reign, he was never defeated in battle.

Glossary

ancient	Something from a very long time ago.
civilisation	A human society with well-developed rules and a government.
city states	A self-governing city that is also its own independent country and follows its own rules.
empire	When one country or ruler controls many different lands and people, often far away.
legacy	Things that exist after someone dies or after a civilisation or event ends.
myth	A story from ancient times about something that happened long ago that some people believed to be true.
primary source	Information and objects that come from the time being studied.
secondary source	Interpretations of information and objects which are produced after the time being studied.

Ancient Greek Mythology

Gods and Goddesses

The Ancient Greeks believed in many different gods and goddesses. Each god/goddess represented a certain aspect of humanity and each was responsible for certain parts of life, too.

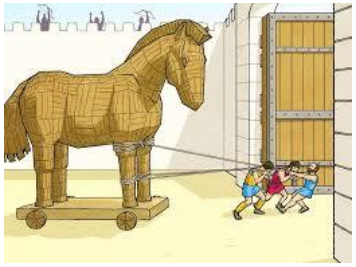
- Festivals were held to celebrate the gods and goddesses.
- It is believed that the 12 most powerful gods/goddesses lived on Mount Olympus.
- Zeus was the most powerful of all gods/goddesses.

Myths

The Trojan War is a very famous Ancient Greek myth. Many people believe that it is a myth but that there is some historical truth behind it.

- The Trojan War was between the Greek and the Trojan armies.
- In the story, the Greeks pretended to surrender, leaving a gift of a giant horse for the Trojans. The gift was brought inside the city walls and, during the night, Greek soldiers hiding inside the horse let the Greek army inside Troy's walls and the city was destroyed.





Useful Websites

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39

https://greece.mrdonn.org/

https://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_greece.php

https://kids.britannica.com/students/article/ancient-Greece/274648

Links to previous learning:	You should already know:
Year 3 – Study of Ancient Egypt	• Ancient Egypt was a civilisation that achieved great things. • Ancient Egyptians believed in many different gods and goddesses. • Tutankhamun was a famous Ancient Egyptian Pharaoh.

Ancient Greece Key Events Timeline

