



Topic: Ancient Greece

Year: 4

Term: 3

Background Information

- The Ancient Greeks lived from about 1200BC to 150BC
- Ancient Greece was not a single country but was made up of City States.
- The City States used to fight each other.
- Ancient Greeks worshipped many gods and goddesses.
- Zeus was the King of the gods.

Diagrams / Timelines / Photos

Timeline

776 BC	The first Olympic Games held (only for men)
505 BC	Cleisthenes introduced democracy in Athens
468 BC	Sophocles wrote his first tragedy
461 BC	Peloponnesion began between Sparta and Athens
441 BC	Euripides writes first tragedy
432 BC	The Pathenion the most famous building in Athens is completed
387 BC	Plato funded his academy
336 BC	Alexander the Great is King and completed many conquests
146 BC	Rome conquered Greece

Interesting Facts

- The Minoans are the oldest Ancient Greek civilisation and originate from the island of Crete .
- The Romans gave a lot of Greek gods Roman names like Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea was called Neptune by the Romans.
- Famous Greek heroes included Heracles, Perseus and Theseus.
- Famous mythical creatures included Cerberus and The Minotaur.
- The Olympic Games were part of a religious festival held in honour of Zeus.

Gods

Aproditte	Goddess of Love and Beauty and Protector of the sailors
Hera	Giddess of Marriage and Queen of Olympus
Zeus	God of the Sky and King of Olympus
Poseidon	God of the Sea
Apollo	God of Light and Music
Athena	Goddess of Wisdom
Hermes	Messenger of the Gods

Key Philosophers

Socrates 429 – 327 BC)	Tried to answer questions such as What is the right thing to do?
Plato 429 – 327 BC	Founded the world's first University
Aristotle 382 – 322 BC	Wrote books about physics, poetry, zoology, biology, politics and governments

Key Vocabulary

Alphabet	The word is made up of the Greek words for a and b.
Pythagorus	An ancient Greek mathematician .
Acropolis	A fortified building within a large city.
Tyrant	A ruler of a City State like a king.
Assembly	A group of citizens who met to vote.
Myth	A well known story which is made up to explain a natural event.
citizen	A free man or woman who had the right to vote.
Mount Olympus	The highest mountain in Greece believed To be the home of the gods.
Philosophy	A way of thinking about the World, universe,mankind.



Know how to / Activity

- Create a model of a Greek person in correct clothing
- Find the names of 5 of the Greek gods.
- Find out about the Battle of Marathon.
- Write your name using the ancient Greek alphabet– which letters are missing?
- Build The Pathenion using cardboard tubes.