

Has Greece always been in the news? Y3

1. Who were the Ancient Greeks?
2. What is democracy, and how did it work in Ancient Greece?
3. How have the Olympics changed since Ancient Greece?
4. What were the similarities and differences between the Greek city states?
5. What happened during the Battle of Marathon?
6. Who were the Ancient Greek gods and goddesses?
7. What can Ancient Greek artefacts tell us about the past?

Key Texts:

- Greek Myths by Marcia Williams
- The Orchard Book of First Greek Myths by Saviour Pirotta and Jan Lewis
- Greek Myths: Meet the heroes, gods and monsters of Ancient Greece – Menzies

Key Vocabulary:

Ancient, vase, tunic, soldier, slave, democracy, Olympics, gods, artefacts, sculpture, maze, myth, legend

We learn the following historical knowledge and skills...

- Identify the achievements of the Ancient Greeks and their influence on the western world **(all questions)**
- Show a developing understanding of chronology by placing events in the right order, with some realisation that the past can be divided into different periods of time **(1- timeline activity)**
- Recognise some of the historical similarities and differences, using the correct dates and terms **(2,3,4)**
- Show knowledge and understanding of the main events and changes studied **(all questions)**
- Begin to give reasons for, and the results of, the main events and changes **(2,3,5)**
- Identify some of the different ways which the past is presented
- Use sources of information in ways that go beyond simple observations to answer questions about the past. **(7)**

Cross curricular links:

Maths link: find fractions of measures based on Ancient Olympic events.

Writing Link: Vote for an Ancient Greek God or Goddess
Persuasive writing, subordinating conjunctions, superlatives, exclamations



How does this impact on our lives today?

The ancient Greeks were the first to create a democracy. The UK is a democracy.

The Ancient Greek held the first Olympic game in Olympia.

Words that have their origin in Ancient Greece including: orchestra, planet, acrobat, marathon and the prefix 'tele' are still used today