



Has Ancient Greece always been in the news?

HISTORY
Year 3
Spring Term

Overview

Greece is a country in South-East Europe and people have been living there for over 40,000 years.

About 2,500 years ago, Greece was one of the most important places in the ancient world. The Greeks were great thinkers, warriors, architects and athletes. They loved sport and the Olympic Games was the biggest sporting event in the ancient calendar. In this unit, we will learn about ways of life in Ancient Greece and how the Ancient Greeks have influenced the world we live in today.



Knowledge & Understanding

In this unit, the pupils will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of Ancient Greece including Greek life and their achievements and their influence on the western world.
- Describe some of the ways the past can be represented.
- Understand that the past can be divided into different periods of time.
- Recognise that different versions of the past may exist.

History skills

In this unit, the pupils will:

- Use some dates and historical terms when ordering events and objects.
- Use a range of sources as evidence when answering a question.
- Use a timeline to place historical events in chronological order.

Home – school link project

During this topic, pupils can choose to:

- Make a model of a Trojan Horse
- Design or make your own Greek vase
- Write your own Ancient Greek Myth as a play or comic strip
- Make your own Greek theatre mask
- Design your own Greek mosaic.

Topic Vocabulary

Ancient - *belonging to a very distant past and no longer in existence*

Athens - *the largest ancient Greek city state ruled by democracy*

City State - *a small independent country that consists of a single city and dependent territories*

democracy - *where all people have a say in who runs their country*

Empire - *a group, state or country ruled over by a single monarch*

Greece - *a country in South-Eastern Europe*

Olympics - *a religious festival held every four years where people compete in different sporting events*

Sparta - *an ancient Greek city state known for developing the greatest warriors*

Trojan - *the name for people originating from the city of Troy*

Working Historically

AD (Anno Domini) – *after Jesus was born*

artefact – *an object made by a human being, typically of historical interest*

BC (Before Christ) – *before Jesus was born*

chronology – *in time order*

historical evidence – *a piece of information that can help us understand the past*

research – *to investigate the reasons why something happened in the past*

source - *a book, document or object used to provide historical evidence in research*

timeline – *a list of important events arranged in order of when they happened*