

Nova Primary Knowledge Organiser

Line of enquiry: How have the Ancient Greeks influenced us?

Year 5 Term 3 and 4

Big idea: Legacy and Belief

Key subject areas: History, Geography, Art, Design & Technology

What should I already know?

- Greece is a European country
- Greece has a different climate to the UK
- Information about the Egyptian civilization
- The Romans invaded Britain
- Knowledge of BC and AD for chronology
- Basic understanding of the Olympics

What will I know by the end of this line of enquiry?

- The differences and similarities between Greece and the UK
- Food the Ancient Greeks ate and how this influenced our food
- Who historical figures were in the Ancient Greek era
- The Olympics starting in Greece.
- What democracy is and that it began in Ancient Greece
- Ancient Greek myths and that they are still read today
- Greek gods and beliefs
- Greek architecture has influenced the design of buildings all over the world e.g Hippodrome, Bristol
- How to place the chronology of key events of the Greek civilisation with the history of Britain.

Key vocabulary

Acropolis	The citadel of an ancient Greek city.
Archaeologist	Someone who studies the past by exploring old remains.
Architecture	The art of planning, designing and constructing buildings.
Chronology	The order of events in time.
Civilisation	A human society with its own social organisation and culture .
Climate	The general weather conditions that are typical of a place.
Continent	A very large area of land that consists of many countries . Europe is a continent .
Culture	Activities such as the arts and philosophy, which are considered to be important for the development of civilisation .
Deity	A god or goddess.
Democracy	A fair political system where all adults vote for an elected government. This government then makes decisions on how to run the country.
Empire	A number of individual nations that are all controlled by the government or ruler of one particular country.
Legacy	Something left behind.
Mythology	A group of myths, especially all the myths from a particular country, religion, or culture .
Society	People in general, thought of as a large organized group.
Warfare	The activity of fighting a war.

Chronology of key events

- 776 BC The first Olympic games takes place.
- 750 BC The scholar Homer writes 'Odyssey' and 'The Iliad'.
- 508 BC The first democracy begins in Athens.
- 490 BC Persian invaders defeated by the Greeks in the battle of Marathon.
- 450 BC The powerful city of Athens now control an empire.
- 472-410 BC Many famous Greek plays are written and performed at the theatre in Athens.
- 432 BC Parthenon is finished in Athens.
- 431 – 404 BC Peloponnesian war between Athens and Sparta
- 336 BC Alexander the Great is King and helps the Greek empire expand further.
- 146 BC Rome conquers Greece, making it part of the Roman Empire.

Diagram

