

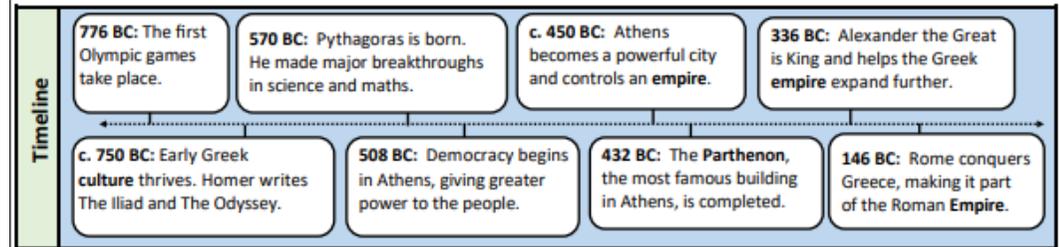
# Ancient Greeks

Year 6



## What should I already know?

- Greece is a country in the continent of Europe.
- The climate of Greece is slightly different to that of the UK.
- Human and physical geographical features of Greece.
- Information about the Egyptian civilisation.
- The Romans invaded Britain.
- The chronology of British history



## Greek Society

- Greece was divided into citystates (polis) that each had their own laws and way of life, but that all spoke the same language. Two of the most well-known city states are Athens and Sparta.
- In Athens, Greek styles of art, architecture, philosophy and theatre were developed - these helped shaped our modern society along with science, language and maths.
- Athens had a democratic government - this means that the people who lived there made decisions by voting, like we do in Britain.
- The first Olympic games were held in 776 in the city-state Olympia.
- Religion was very important in ancient Greece. They were polytheists - they believed in different gods and goddesses that were in charge of different parts of their lives, such as a god of the sea and a goddess of wisdom. Temples were built in their honour and they featured heavily in the stories of Greek mythology.
- A polis consisted of an urban centre, often fortified and with a sacred centre built on a natural acropolis (citadel) or harbour.

## Key Information about Greece

- Greece is made up of the mainland and many islands.
- Its position by the sea meant that the Greeks were a seafaring people.
- City-states (polis) were created and trade happened between each of the cities.
- Greece is a warm country, but winds from the Mediterranean, and rains from the north, kept temperatures liveable and created fertile farming conditions.



## Historical Skills and Enquiry

- Examine Greek artefacts (such as vases) and use these to make inferences about the past.
- Describe how Greek artefacts and ruins tell us about their culture, military, and religious beliefs.
- Describe how the Greek society has had an impact on modern society.
- Discuss the notion of democracy - compare the democratic process of ancient Greece with that of modern Britain.
- Examine the timeline of the Greek civilisation and consider where there was rapid change and where there was very little change. Explain why this may be the case.
- Describe the ideas, beliefs and attitudes of all groups of people in the Greek civilisation.
- Compare the expansion of the Greek empire with that of the British Empire under Queen Victoria