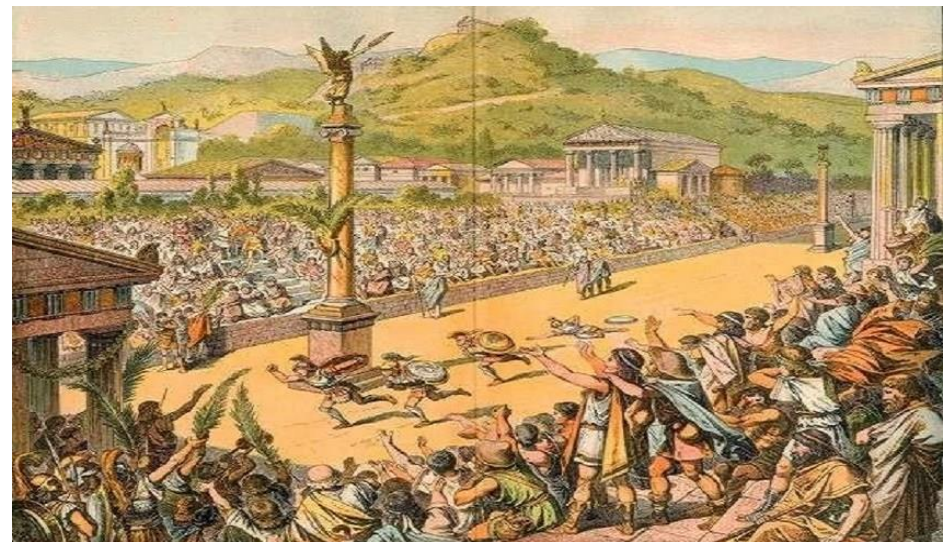


Year 5 History

Ancient Greece

Summer 2

Enquiry: How has Ancient Greece Influenced us?



Prior Knowledge Studies of other civilisations such as Egyptians and Romans.	Key Vocabulary: Ancient Greece		I need to know: What is a civilisation? Where is Greece? Who were the Ancient Greeks? What happened in Ancient Greece? How did the Olympics begin? What is democracy? What was the architecture like? How did they influence our lives today?
	Civilisation	A civilization is a large group of people who share certain advanced ways of living and working.	
	Athens	Athens is the capital and largest city of Greece.	
	Mount Olympus	The highest mountain in Greece and the mythological home of the Greek Gods, primarily twelve Olympian Gods.	
	Parthenon	Temple dedicated to Athena, who was the Goddess of wisdom, it still remains and is located on the Athenian Acropolis.	
Links to other topics: In English we are looking at various Greek Myths. We will also be looking at non-fiction texts focused on the Olympics in English. Geography – Mapping, Physical & Human Geography.	Olympics	Sporting event and sacrifice held every four years in honour of Zeus.	
	Empire	An extensive group of states or countries ruled over by a single monarch, an oligarchy, or a sovereign state.	
	Democracy	A form of government where citizens have a say in how they are ruled.	
	City States	Small areas that ancient Greece was divided into, each with their own governments, laws and army.	
Guided Reading: There will be some non-fiction texts explored in guided reading.	Sparta	A powerful Greek city-state and rival to Athens, Sparta's culture was based around warfare and battle.	
	Minoan	The Minoan civilization is known for its Bronze Age cities on Crete which had large palace-like structures. Knossos was the largest city and location of the labyrinth and minotaur of Greek mythology.	
	Mycenaeans	Also, part of the early Ancient Greek Civilization. They are sometimes called the first Greeks because they were the first to speak the Greek language	

At the end of the topic, I will know:

That a Civilization is a group of people with their own languages and way of life.

Greece is a coastal country in Southeastern Europe.

The capital of Greece is the City of Athens.

In ancient times, Greece was made up of separate city-states that each had their own law.

The Minoans and the Mycenaeans were two of the early civilizations that developed in Greece.

The Minoans lived on the Greek islands and built a huge palace on the island of Crete.

The Mycenaeans lived mostly on mainland Greece and were the first people to speak the Greek language.

The Trojan War is an event in Ancient Greek mythology, a war waged between the cities of Troy and Sparta.

That the first official Olympic Games happened in 776 BC and then continued to take place once every four years. As well as being the most important sporting event for the Ancient Greeks, the Olympic Games were also a very important religious festival.

The ancient Games included running, long jump, shot put, javelin, boxing, pankration and equestrian events.

Our alphabet is based on the Greek one, hundreds of words we use come from the Greek language.

They influenced us through the introduction of democracy, as Athens citizens met regularly to vote on laws that changed their lives. They also gave us the Olympic games, modern Mathematics, Philosophy and Science.