



Links to prior learning

Topic: Ancient Greece



For this unit of work, I will be a **Historian**.

Enquiry Question: *What influence and impact have the Ancient Greeks had on society today?*

Key Vocabulary	Icon	Definition	Word in context
CE		Stands for 'Common Era' which refers to the current era.	CE marks modern historical periods.
AD		Stands for 'Anno Domini' which refers to the years after the birth of Jesus Christ.	AD counts years after Jesus' birth.
City state		Greece was split into separate groups called city states. They made their own rules, had their own laws and often clashed with each other.	In ancient Greece, each city-state like Athens or Sparta had its own government and way of doing things.
Mount Olympus		Was believed to be the home of the Ancient Greek Gods.	In Greek myths, the gods and goddesses lived on Mount Olympus, the highest mountain in Greece.
Civilization		The society, culture, and way of life of a particular area.	Ancient Egypt was a famous civilization where people built pyramids.
Ancient		Belonging to the very distant past generally thousands of years ago.	The pyramids in Egypt are ancient, built a long, long time ago.
Trade		The action of buying and selling goods and services.	I like to trade my toys with my friends so we can all play with something new.

Key Takeaways

1. The Ancient Greeks lived over 2,000 years ago. They held the first Olympic Games, fought in battles like the Battle of Marathon, and made great discoveries in art, science and learning.	
2. Alexander became king when he was young. He was a clever and brave leader who took over many lands, spreading Greek ideas, language and culture to places as far as Egypt and India.	
3. They had a god or goddess for nearly everything! Zeus was the king of the gods, Poseidon ruled the sea, and Athena was the goddess of wisdom and war. People built temples and told stories to honour them.	
4. Children went to school, people enjoyed theatre and sports, and cities had busy markets. But they had no electricity, cars or internet, and women and slaves had fewer rights than people do today.	
5. The Olympic Games began in Ancient Greece. They started in Olympia as a religious festival to honour Zeus. Only men could compete, and they had events like running, wrestling and discus.	

