



Intent: Chronological, Critical and Conceptual

Welcome to the Ancient Greeks



1200BCE – 500CE (Classical period: 490BCE-350BCE)

Key Vocabulary

- Acropolis – An acropolis is a fortified citadel within a larger city. It is usually located on top of a hill and at the centre of the city
- Assembly – In Athens the Assembly consisted of the group of citizens who showed up to vote
- Democracy – A form of government where citizens have a say in how they are ruled including choosing their leaders and deciding on laws
- Oligarchy – A type of government where the power is held by a few people
- Olympics – An athletic event held by the Ancient Greeks every four years
- Titans – The Titans were the first Greek gods
- Tyrant – The ruler of a Greek city-state like a king



I already know....

The differences and similarities with their own life and why living near a river was so important to communities. How buildings have changed and discussed why Gods are so important, and how religion and the way people worship has changed. What the Egyptians invented and how it stills affects their lives today.

What I will know and be able to explain

- Greece is important as it was the first country to create a form of government via democracy.
- Athens was the birthplace of democracy and was known for theatre, arts and literature.
- Sparta was ruled by two kings of equal power.
- The Greeks development of democracy is still the main form of government today, meaning that we get the chance to vote for our government.
- The Greeks invented the theatre, they developed maths theories which we still use today and they developed the Olympic Games.
- The geography of Greece, dominated by the sea and by mountain ranges, created and supported this local identity.

Time Line

2900 - 2000 BC	The Bronze Age when Early Aegean cultures start to emerge
2500 BC	The great Minoan civilisation
1200 BC	The Trojan War and the destruction of Troy
1050 - 750 BC	The Dark Ages of Greece
850 - 700 BC	Development of the first Greek Alphabet
776 BC	The First Olympic Games are staged
650 BC	The Rise of the Greek tyrants
600 BC	Greek Coin currency introduced