



St Leo's and Southmead
Catholic Nursery and Primary
School

**Year
Four**

History -Ancient Greece Knowledge Organiser

**Spring
Term**

Amazing Activities

Show an image of a greek vase.
What do they think it is? Who
do they think they will be
studying?

Key Knowledge

Greece is a country in the south east of Europe.

In ancient times, Greece was not a unified country it was split into states called Polis.

Two of the most powerful city states were Athens and Sparta.

Athens relied on slave labour.

Sparta was different to other states and was ruled by two kings.

The ancient Greeks had both armies and navies.

Ancient Greek infantry soldiers were known as hoplites.

By the 5th century BC, the Greeks had developed an ship called a trireme.

The two main gods are Olympians and Titans.

Ancient Greeks believed the Olympian Gods lived on Mount Olympus.

There were 12 main Olympian gods.

Ancient Greeks have influenced marathons, universities, theatres and Olympic Games.

Substantive Concepts

Building, city (city state), civilisation, culture, democracy, empire, enslavement, farming, leisure, religion, ruler (king), settlement, technology, trade, war (invasion, conflict).



Skills

- Place some historical periods in chronological framework.
- Use historic terms related to the period of study
- Use sources of information in ways that go beyond simple observations to answer questions about the past.
- Use a variety of resources to find out about aspects of life in the past.
- Understand sources can contradict each other
- Communicate their learning in an organised and structured way using appropriate terminology.
- Discuss and write about the lives of significant famous people and changes and compare to lives of others in different periods.
- Describe a study of Ancient Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world.

Curriculum Links

English – Greek myths and legends

Art – Sketching Greek vases

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Hoplite	A soldier in the Greek army who fought with a long spear and use a large, round shield for protection
Athenian	People who lived in the city-state Athens.
Spartan	People who lived in the city-state Sparta. They were known for being great warriors
Democracy	A system of government where the people can vote to decide things. Athens had democracy from 510 BC.
Mount Olympus	The highest mountain in Greece.

1200 B.C.	750 B.C.	770 B.C.	776 B.C.	600 B.C.	500 B.C.	334 B.C.	146 B.C.
The Trojan Wars	Greeks set sail to set up colonies	First Greek alphabet created	First Olympic Games	First Greek coins are used	Democracy used in Athens	Alexander the Great conquests	Greece becomes part of the Roman Empire

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