

Year 5&6

Topic: Ancient Greece

Theme: Family/ Place/ Physical Geography features

Our objectives include:

To know where and when the Ancient Greek civilisation existed and order events on a timeline.

To know some significant events from the history of Ancient Greece

To know about the Greek Empire, how it was established and maintained and the impact on the wider world.

To understand the religious beliefs of the Ancient Greek people and know some of the gods they worshipped.

To understand the Ancient Greek writing system and know some well-known Greek writers and stories.

To research and describe an important Ancient Greek artefact: Vases Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources and that different versions of past events may exist, giving some reasons for this.

Key Vocabulary

Civilization: A complex society with developed culture, politics, and technology.

Democracy: A system of government where citizens have the power to participate in decision-making and vote on laws and policies.

Mythology: A collection of stories, often involving gods and heroes, explaining the beliefs and practices of a society.

Philosopher: A person who engages in deep thinking and contemplation to understand the world.

Architecture: The art and science of designing and constructing buildings and structures.

Historian: A person who studies and writes about history, documenting events and interpreting the past.

Essential Knowledge

Geography:

Children should understand the geographical features of Ancient Greece, including its location, climate, and the significance of its many islands.

History

Timeline: They should be familiar with the historical timeline of Ancient Greece, including major periods, events, and figures.

City-States: Children should be able to identify and describe key city-states in Ancient Greece, with a focus on Athens and Sparta, and understand their unique forms of government, culture, and values.

Democracy: Understanding the development of democracy in Athens and its impact on the modern world, including the concept of citizens' rights and responsibilities.

Architecture: Understanding the significance of Greek architecture, including iconic structures like the Parthenon, and its impact on modern architectural styles.

Wars: Knowledge about key wars in Ancient Greece, such as the Peloponnesian War, their causes, major events, and consequences.

Everyday Life: Understanding of everyday life in Ancient Greece, including social structure, education, family life, and the roles of men and women.

Modern Influence: An appreciation for the enduring impact of Ancient Greek culture on the modern world, including its influence on language, government, art, and philosophy.

Literacy

Greek Mythology: Knowledge about Greek mythology, including the major gods and goddesses, their stories, and their roles in Greek culture.

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Key Questions

- What is an empire?
- How was Ancient Greece able to establish one?
- In what ways was Ancient Greece 'ahead of its time'?
- How are the religious beliefs of ancient Greece similar to other ancient civilisations?
- How does Ancient Greek religion/gods influence us today?
- What do we know about the Ancient Greek writing system?
- What was writing important?
- What did the Ancient Greek people write about?

Webpages for Extra Information

https://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_greece.php

https://www.historyforkids.net/ancient-greece.html#google_vignette

Interesting facts:

Birthplace of Democracy: Ancient Greece is often regarded as the birthplace of democracy. In Athens, around the 5th century BCE, citizens had the opportunity to participate in decision-making through a system known as direct democracy

Olympic Games Origin: The Olympic Games, which are celebrated today as an international sporting event, originated in Ancient Greece. The first recorded Olympic Games took place in Olympia in 776 BCE and were dedicated to the Greek god Zeus. These games featured events like running, long jump, and discus throwing.

Greek Mythology: Greek mythology is a rich tapestry of gods, goddesses, heroes, and mythical creatures. The stories of gods like Zeus, Athena, and Hercules, as well as epic tales like the Trojan War and the adventures of Odysseus, are integral to Western literature and culture.