

Athens V Sparta

How did Greek Mythology affect the life style of Ancient Greeks?
What is the legacy of the Ancient Greeks?

What will you be learning?

- To know the location of Greece
- To learn about the ancient Greek Empire
- To understand the importance of Athens and Sparta
- To know about some of the important battles e.g. The Persian Wars
- To learn about Greek mythology
- To discover the legacy of the Ancient Greeks e.g. democracy, buildings

What will you be doing?

- Together we will locate Greece on a map and use travel brochures to find out more about what the country is like.
- We will produce an Ancient Greek map which identifies the Greek Empire
- We will research life in Athens and Sparta, using various sources. Identifying similarities and differences
- We will identify what the main causes of conflict are perceived to be.
- We will make a fact file about the most important battles and identify these together on a class timeline.
- We will create a gods and goddesses family tree / cloud on Mount Olympus, using information from various sources.
- We will explore how the ancient Greeks have impacted on modern life through things such as marathon, Olympics, buildings, democracy, myths

Previous learning:

- To know about a group of people and their traditions and customs. (Y1)
- How evidence from the past is used to make historical claims. (Y3)

Future Learning:

- To understand why the Roman Army was so successful in their invasions (Y5)
- To understand why Wars occur (Y6)

Words you will be using

architecture

the way buildings are designed and built.



artefacts

objects relating to the time period.



BC/ BCE

Before Christ / Before the Common Era.



colonies

a group of people of one nationality living in another place.



democracy

ruled by the people, where citizens vote.



legacy

something that is passed down from someone who came before.



marathon

a long distance (26 mile) running race, from the story that a messenger ran from Marathon to Athens (about 26 miles) with the news of victory in the Persian Wars.

Mount Olympus

a mountain above Athens, where the gods and goddesses were believed to live.



mythology

a story or group of stories that form part of the traditional beliefs of a society.



temple

a building devoted to the worship of a god / gods or goddess / goddesses.



Olympic Games

sports event from Ancient Greece, held every four years, originally in honour of Zeus.



theatre

a building or outdoor area in which plays and other dramatic performances are.



