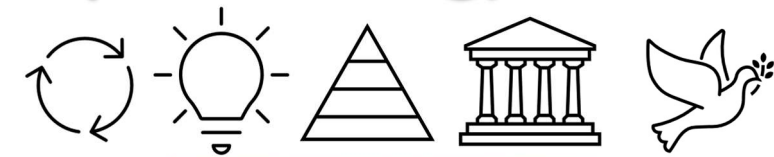


Year 4

Ancient Greece



~Golden Thread of Reading~

History Reading Spine
Ancient Greece



Where am I in History?

What came before?

What comes next?

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Star Moment





Skills covered this half term:

- Plot events on a timeline using centuries.
- Round up time differences into centuries and decades.
- Research two versions of an event and show how they differ.
- Explain how historical items can be used to help build up a picture of life in the past.

Men had a much better life than women. Only men were involved in government and permitted to take part in the Olympic games. Women were expected to look after the home and children.

The Ancient Greeks can be credited with many inventions and discoveries. They invented government, democracy, the Olympics and early medicine.

Greece is made up of the mainland and many islands. Its position by the sea meant that Greeks were seafaring people.

The Battle of Marathon

The Battle of Marathon was one of the most important battles in world history. The Persian army had come to conquer Athens, as a first step to taking over the whole of Greece, adding it to the already enormous Persian Empire. On the way to Marathon they had defeated several other Greek cities and far outnumbered the Athenians. With the Persians closing in on the Greek capitol, Athenian general Miltiades took command. Miltiades weakened the centre of his outnumbered force to strengthen its wings. His strategy was victorious over the Persians' strength, and the victory of "the Marathon men" captured the collective imagination of the Greeks.



Greek Alphabet

Α	Β	Γ	Δ
Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta
Ε	Ζ	Η	Θ
Epsilon	Zeta	Eta	Theta
Ι	Κ	Λ	Μ
Iota	Kappa	Lambda	Mu
Ν	Ξ	Ο	Π
Nu	Xi	Omicron	Pi
Ρ	Σ	Τ	Υ
Rho	Sigma	Tau	Upsilon
Φ	Χ	Ψ	Ω
Phi	Chi	Psi	Omega



Vocabulary

Acropolis	A large hill in the centre of Athens
City State	A city that had its own government and rules the area around it e.g. Athens, Sparta, Corinth, Delphi & Thebes
Democracy	A type of government where people can vote
Greek	Someone or something from Greece
Mount Olympus	The highest mountain in Greece and the mythological home of the Greek Gods
Mythology	A collection of ancient stories known as myths
Olympics	Sporting event and sacrifice held every four years in honour of Zeus
Parthenon	Temple dedicated to Athena located on the Athenian Acropolis
Philosopher	Someone who thinks and writes about the meaning of life and living

Selected Ancient Greek Gods

1	Zeus	Kind of the Gods, God of the Sky, Lightning and Thunder.
2	Hades	God the Dead and King of the Underworld
3	Poseidon	God of the Sea, Earthquakes & Storms.
4	Hera	Queen of the Gods; Goddess of Marriage.
5	Apollo	God of Music, Art, Knowledge & the Sun.
6	Aphrodite	Goddess of Love and Beauty.
7	Hermes	Messenger of the Gods, God of Trade & Travelers.
8	Ares	God of War.
9	Athena	Goddess of Wisdom, Courage and Strategy.
10	Demeter	Goddess of Agriculture and the Harvest.

