

Year 6 – Greece Lightning – Knowledge Organiser

Subject Specific Vocabulary	
gods	A superhuman being or spirit worshipped as having power over nature or human fortunes; a deity.
democracy	A system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives.
myth	A traditional story, typically involving supernatural beings or events.
empire	An extensive group of states or countries ruled over by a single monarch, an oligarchy, or a sovereign state.
battle	A sustained fight between large organised armed forces.
philosopher	A person engaged in philosophy, especially as an academic discipline.
civilization	The stage of human social and cultural development and organisation that is considered most advanced.
Olympics	Also called the Olympic Games – the greatest games or festivals of ancient Greece held every four years in honour of Zeus.
temple	A building devoted to the worship of a god or gods.
artefacts	An object made by a human being, typically one of cultural or historic interest.
sculpture	The art of making two or three-dimensional representative forms, especially by carving stone or wood.
architecture	The art or practice of designing and constructing buildings.



Sticky Knowledge about Greece Lightning

- The Olympics was created by the Greeks and first took place in Olympia – there were 5 original sports: a foot race, a long jump, discus and javelin throws and a wrestling match.
- The Parthenon is a famous temple dedicated to the goddess Athena. The temple is the most important surviving building of Ancient Greece.
- The Greeks used a gift – a large, wooden horse – to infiltrate the city of Troy
- City States – Athens and Sparta – Each city state had at least a partially elected government and a strong military. Both relied on the labour of slaves.
- The Greeks used pottery - mostly orange and black in colour – to tell stories of Greek life.

Exciting Books

Important

Marathon -A 26 mile long race based on the journey of Pheidippides running to Athens to tell of the great victory of the city of Marathon over the Persians

Greek Myths – myths were used to teach morals

