

Year 4 Knowledge Organiser- What have the Greeks done for us?

What will I learn?

In this topic we will learn about:

- When the Greeks appear in history
- How Ancient Greek life and achievements have influenced the modern world, including architecture and democracy
- The Ancient Greek Olympics compared to the modern games



Previous learning

Early Britain

You should already know:

- People lived differently in the past
- There are different ways to learn about the past

Vocabulary Dozen

ancient	Very old/ belonging to the distant past
architecture	The process of designing a building
columns	A pillar usually supporting an arch or other structure and often highly decorated
democracy	Government of a country by representatives elected by everyone
frieze	A strip of designs or pictures around the top of a wall
influence	The power or invisible action of a thing or person that causes some kind of effect on another
legacy	Something that has been left from earlier events in the past
modern	Present time
myth	An old story containing ideas about ancient times or supernatural beings
Parthenon	A former temple in Athens dedicated to the Goddess Athena
pediment	A wide triangular part decorating the top of a building
prototype	The first model of something from which others are copied or developed

Key Knowledge

When do the Ancient Greeks appear in history?

The Greek Empire became very powerful in Europe from 800 BCE until the start of the Roman Empire in 146 BCE.

Greece is nothing like Nottingham or is it?

Many buildings in the modern world reflect classical Greek architecture such as the Council House in Nottingham City Centre. We will be looking at classic Greek style features (frieze, columns and pediments).

What can you find out about the Olympics from the past?

The first Olympic games held in 776 BCE. Women and slaves were not allowed to take part.

We will look at secondary sources to find out about events in the Ancient Greek Olympics such as, wrestling, chariot racing and pankration.



Scan these QR codes to find and research information about the Ancient Greeks.

Meet our new Ancient Greek history character!

He is called Demetrius and he is part of the council in Athens helping citizens with their problems.



What have the Greeks done for us?

Architecture



Democracy



Olympics



Maths



