



# Ancient Greece Y6

## History KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER –Autumn 1

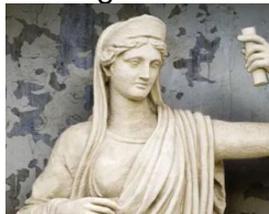
### Substantive Knowledge

- The first people lived in Greece around 3000BC on the island of Crete.
- The Ancient Greek Empire lasted from 800BC to 146BC.
- Greece then came under the control of the Roman Empire.
- Ancient Greece was split up into smaller areas called city states. These included Sparta, Athens, Corinth and Olympia.
- Spartans were soldiers who were trained to fight from as young as seven.
- The Battle of Marathon took place in 409BC, when the Persian King Darius wanted to invade Athens to expand his Empire.
- The modern day marathon race is named after the Battle of Marathon, when Pheidippides ran the 26 miles to Athens.
- Ancient Greece was ruled using a system of democracy.
- The Olympic Games began in Olympia in 776BC.
- The games were a religious event to honour the God Zeus.
- The Greeks believed in many Gods. They believed that the 12 most important Gods lived on the top of a mountain called Mount Olympus.

The most famous Greek temple is called the Parthenon and was built in Athens to honour Athena the warrior goddess.



Ancient Greeks believed that the gods controlled different aspects of life such as crops, battle, justice and marriage.



Greece is made up of lots of islands which may be why city states came into being. It was easier to rule each state independently rather than travel between them.



### Key Vocabulary

<b>ruins</b>	the remains of something that has been destroyed
<b>archaeological</b>	the study of the buildings, graves, tools, and other objects that belonged to people who lived in the past
<b>evidence</b>	items or information used to prove something is true or not true
<b>citizen</b>	a person who is a member of a particular country and who has rights because of being born there
<b>colony</b>	a country or area controlled politically by a more powerful country that is often far away
<b>legacy</b>	anything that is passed down from people who came before
<b>republic</b>	a country whose leader is a president, not a king or queen
<b>social status</b>	the position that an individual holds in a social group or society.
<b>legend</b>	a very old story or set of stories from ancient times
<b>democracy</b>	from the Greek words "demos", meaning people, and "kratos" meaning power; so democracy can be thought of as "power of the people"
<b>civilisation</b>	A society or country that has a well-developed system of government, culture, and way of life which treats the people who live there fairly .