

# Knowledge Organiser History Year 6 Spring

## Ancient Greeks



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School  
"Love one another as I have loved you"

### Prior knowledge

- Understand the chronology of ancient civilisations such as the Stone, Bronze and Iron ages, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Rome and the Mayans
- Understand that there is a variety of sources that can be used to deduce facts about far history and how to interpret them accordingly
- Knowledge of the British Democratic system and government

### Historical knowledge and skills covered in this topic

- Children will use open and closed questions to investigate historical questions
- Children will pose questions relevant to enquiry
- Children will have a knowledge of where to locate suitable information and ideas
- Children will use inference and deduction skills to answer enquiry based questions
- Children will recognise and evaluate different viewpoints and interpretations
- Children will compare and contrast information and use it to explain cause and effect
- Children will identify some achievements of the Ancient Greeks
- Children will critically evaluate the legacy of the Ancient Greeks
- Children will describe and explain the different aspect of Greek life amongst different groups and explain variations in Greek life over time
- Children will use sources to draw conclusions about Ancient Greece
- Children will understand some of the evidence available to reconstruct the history of Ancient Greece
- Children will know that the Greeks were pioneers in the fields of mathematics, philosophy, art, drama, science and architecture
- Children will have knowledge of Ancient Greek religion and the pantheon of Gods and heroes

### Key words

**Acropolis:** an ancient citadel usually on a hill  
**Comedy, satire, tragedy:** types of theatre plays  
**Corinthian, Doric and Ionic:** types of architecture  
**Democracy:** ruled by the people  
**Dictatorship:** ruled by one person  
**Hellenistic:** the period of history dominated by Macedonia, of which the most famous ruler was Alexander the Great  
**Hoplite:** the main type of soldier who fought on foot in Ancient Greece  
**Olympic Games:** a games event that brings together people from different states together in peace for sports  
**Pankration:** a vicious sport played in Ancient Greece  
**Spartans:** tough warriors living in the Greek city of Sparta  
**Trireme:** a Greek warship  
**Tyrants:** people who seized control of a place and ruled as they wished

Approximate dates for the main Ancient Greek periods and key events: (Ancient Greek civilizations can be traced back to the Minoan civilization around 2700 BCE)

Timeline not to scale.

