

Ancient Greece

Throughout this advent term in History and Geography, we will be learning about Ancient Greece. As part of learning about Ancient Greece we will learn about Greek civilisation, the different Greek states and their beliefs. In addition, we will learn about the Geography of modern day Greece. Fun activities will be planned around this topic such as the Year 4 Olympics and an Ancient Greece day. The children will also have the opportunity to explore Ancient Greek art and create their own vase designs.

Where was Ancient Greece?



Greece is a country located in southern Europe between Albania and Turkey. It borders the Aegean Sea, Ionian Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. Thousands of years ago ancient Greece was a great civilisation that existed Before Christ (B.C.). It was much larger than the mainland and islands of today as it spread west across what is now Italy and south as far as Egypt.

Timeline of Key events

1250 BC	The Trojan War
776 BC	Introduction of the Olympic Games
650 BC	The Rise of the Greek Tyrants
600 BC	Coin Currency Introduced
431 BC	Second Peloponnesian War: Athens versus Sparta
430 BC	Bubonic Plague in Athens
336 BC	Alexander the Great Came to Power

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Acropolis	An acropolis is a fortified citadel within a larger city.
Agora	The agora was the central meeting place in Ancient Greek cities.
Alexander the Great	A ruler of Ancient Greece who conquered much of the world from Greece to India.
Archaic Period	The historical period of Ancient Greece from 800 BC to 480 BC.
Assembly	In Athens the Assembly consisted of the group of citizens who showed up to vote.
Classical Period	The historical period of Ancient Greece from 480 BC to 323 BC.
Hoplite	The citizen-soldiers of the Greek city-states.
Olympics	An athletic event held by the Ancient Greeks every four years.

City States in Ancient Greece

Ancient Greece was made up of lots of city-states each with its own ruler. The two most powerful city-states were Athens and Sparta. Sparta was well-known for its military strength because Spartan boys trained to become warriors from 7 years of age.