

# Year 5: What did the Ancient Greeks do for us?



## We will think deeply about:

- How the Olympic Games began and how they have changed over the years.
- How the Greeks changed the world.
- Who the Ancient Greek Gods were.
- How Ancient Greek Myths are still being told today.
- Who really owns historical artefacts.

## Key vocabulary:

**Acropolis** – An acropolis is a fortified citadel within a larger city. It is usually located on top of a hill and at the centre of the city

**Oligarchy** – A type of government where the power is held by a few people

**Olympics** – An athletic event held by the Ancient Greeks every four years

**Titans** – The Titans were the first Greek gods

**Assembly** – In Athens the Assembly consisted of the group of citizens who showed up to vote

**Democracy** – A form of government where citizens have a say in how they are ruled including choosing their leaders and deciding on laws

**Tyrant** – The ruler of a Greek city-state like a king

## Key Knowledge:

### Map of Ancient Greece

Greece's position next to the sea (there are over 1400 islands) meant Ancient Greeks were a seafaring people. Trade between the islands led to the creation of 'city-states' (polis). Each city-state was ruled by a powerful city, led by a ruler or (later) government. Greece is a warm country, but winds from the Mediterranean, and rains from the north, kept temperatures livable and created fertile farming conditions.



## Things to do at home to further your learning:

- Create a fact-file about the Ancient Greek Gods
- Read some Ancient Greek Myths (there are plenty of child friendly versions on the internet and on youtube).
- Find out about Ancient Greek Philosophers.
- Find out about the Acropolis in Athens and why it is such an iconic structure.

