



Year: 5

Term: Summer 2

Groovy Greeks

Background Information

This is a history based topic so we will be spending a lot of time exploring what we know about the ancient Greek civilisation from different kinds of evidence (primary, secondary and tertiary).

There are many aspects of the topic which children will recognise from their own lives and from the society they live in.

The Science / SRE element of this topic will include: learning about the life stages that humans experience and about some of the changes that they will experience as they go through life.

We will be incorporating our topic into our literacy sessions by using the mythological elements of Greek gods and Goddesses.

Key Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
chronology	Arranging dates or events into order of occurrence
democracy	Government by the whole population, usually through elected representatives
Olympics	An ancient sports festival held every 4 years with its origins in Ancient Greece.
life cycle	A series of changes in form that an organism undergoes, returning to the starting state.
puberty	The process of physical changes through which a child's body matures into an adult body.
hygiene	Maintaining health and preventing disease, especially through cleanliness

Killer Facts!

1. Ancient Greece had lots of city-states. Ancient Greece was split up into lots of city states, some of which you might have heard of. Some of the more popular ones are Sparta, Athens, and Olympia. Each city had different laws, government and even their own army!

2. Marathons came from Ancient Greek times! You've probably seen marathon races where you live or even on the television! In Ancient Greece it is believed that a man called Pheidippides ran 26 miles from Marathon to Athens. He wanted to announce the news of the victory of the battle of Marathon. This is where the race comes from and why it is so long!

3. They worshipped many Gods and Goddesses. The Ancient Greeks worshipped lots of Gods and Goddesses, for different things! They built temples and shrines where they could worship them. You might recognise some of them here.

Aphrodite – Goddess of love and fertility
 Apollo – God of the sun and music
 Athena – Goddess of war
 Hermes – The messenger of the Gods
 Zeus – The King of the Gods.

