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| **Year 5 Knowledge Organiser** | **‘What did the Greeks ever do for us?’** | **Focus: History** |
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| **Key Vocabulary** | **Chronology**  |
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| **assembly**  | Democratic organisation where all men could vote on laws.  |
| **Athens**  | Largest and one of the most influential city-states in ancient Greece.  |
| **city-state** | City or town that is an independent state.  |
| **Classical Golden Period**  | Period from 480BC-323BC. |
| **direct democracy** | System of government in ancient Greece which gave all men the right to vote.  |
| **oligarchy**  | System of government where only a few held power.  |
| **philosophy**  | When people think and ask basic questions about human life.  |
| **Sparta** | One of the most powerful city-states known for its fierce army.  |
| **Zeus**  | In Greek mythology, the god of the sky and ruler of the Olympian gods. |
| **Socrates**  | Ancient Greek philosopher.  |
| **Mount Olympus**  | Highest mountain in Greece. |

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|  **Democracy and City-States**  | **Gods and Goddesses** | **Achievements of the Ancient Greeks** |
| * City states were towns set within countryside.
* Athens and Sparta were rival city states.
* Athens had a navy, education and was a democracy.
* Sparta was ruled by two kings and had a strong army.

* Athenian democracy was one of the first in the world.
* It was a direct democracy- citizens voted for laws in the assembly.
* Only adult males born in Athens could vote.
* Modern Britain has a representative democracy where people elect a member of parliament (MP) to make decisions.
 | * Ancient Greeks believed that 12 gods and goddesses lived on Mount Olympus.
* The Greeks prayed to them at home and in temples. They ran sporting events in their honour.
* They thought that if something went wrong then the gods were unhappy with them.
* Characters and images of Greek mythology have influenced modern-day films and books.

  | * Other achievements include: democracy, the Olympic games, mythology and architecture.
* Words in the English language such as: character, comedy, democracy, dinosaur, drama, technology) originated from Greek.
* Prefixes such as anti, auto, geo, hyper, mono and pan also came from ancient Greece.
* They also helped to invent the alarm clock and catapult.

Alexander the Great and the Romans continued to spread Greek ideas through their empires.  |