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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** | | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **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. | |  | | |
| **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. | |