# Groovy Greeks – Year 4 – Autumn 2 – History



Vocabulary	
Word	Definition
Assembly	Where male citizens could discuss and vote for changes in their society.
Democracy	A form of government which is ruled by the people.
Monarchy	A form of government that has a single person as its head.
Philosopher	A term for Ancient Greece meaning 'lover of wisdom'.
Oligarchy	A form of government where a few families or significant people are in control
Olympics	Games held every 4 years which began in ancient Greece.
Tyrant	A ruler who gained power, not through the official way.

#### In Year 2, you learnt:

- How to sequence effectively.
  - To compare past and present
- About events beyond living memory

## **Previous Knowledge**

- Ancient civilisations (Egyptians) and how they contributed to life today.
- **About chronology**

In Year 3, you learnt:

## **Key Facts**

The name 'Greeks' was given to the people of Greece later by the Romans.

They lived in mainland Greece and the Greek islands, but also had colonies around the Mediterranean sea.

There was not one country called 'Ancient Greece', instead, it was split into smaller city states such as Athens and Sparta.

The Greeks held the first Olympic Games in Olympia over 2700 years ago. The ancient games were held in honour of their god, Zeus.

Ancient Greece had a warm, dry climate.

The Greeks believed that many gods and goddesses watched over them.



### **Key Facts**

The Ancient Greek times were from around 2000 BC to 146 BC.

In 146BC, the Romans conquered Greece.

The Greeks called themselves Hellenes and their land was Hellas.

Spellings: Greek, Greece, Olympus, Olympia, Athens, Sparta, Ancient, goddess, conquered, islands, temples

**Activity Passport Experience** 

Make a Greek Vase Perform in a play

## **Key Questions**

- Can you name and place, in chronological order, the main time periods of ancient Greece?
- Can you explain the differences between democracy, oligarchy and a monarchy is ancient Greece?
- Can you list some similarities and some differences between the two city states Athens and Sparta?
- Using different sources, explain what daily life was like in Ancient Greece.
- Explain why Ancient Greece had a polytheistic religion, and the importance of religion in everyday ancient Greek life.
- What are the Olympic games and how have they changed over time?

**Entry Point Greek Vase making from clay** 

**Trips/Visits** Play-in-a-day workshop

**End Point Olympic Games**