

## Y1/2 – The Olympics: Which is the most important - winning or taking part?

### Procedural knowledge

Recognise respectful behaviour and the importance of self-respect.  
 Understand how behaviour can affect others.  
 Know what rules are.  
 Understand the roles and responsibilities in a range of situations.  
 Know how to keep healthy through food, exercise and hygiene routines.  
 Handle evidence to ask and answer questions about the past on the basis of simple observations.

### Factual and Conceptual knowledge

#### What are the Olympics?

The Olympic Games are an international sports festival, held every four years.

Summer and winter games are held separately.

Paralympic games are also held.

#### Where is the Olympics taking place?

In 2021, the Olympics are taking place in Tokyo, Japan.



#### Where have the Olympics taken place previously?

In 2016, the Olympics took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

In 2012, the Olympics were held in London, UK.

#### What are the Olympic rings?

The Olympic rings symbolise the five continents of the world (blue – Europe, Black – Africa, red – America, yellow – Asia and green – Australia) and the six colours, including white, represent the colours on the national flags of the world.



#### What are the Olympic rituals?

The host nation holds an opening ceremony where their flag is raised and there are performances of music and dance. The Olympic torch is then brought into the stadium after being lit in Olympia and being taken via a relay to the host nation.

A closing ceremony is held when the Olympics are officially closed.

First, second and third place competitors for each event receive a gold, silver or bronze medal.

#### What are the Olympic sports?

There are 35 different Olympic sports now.

Athletics, swimming, fencing and gymnastics have always been sports at the Summer Olympics.

Skiing, ice-skating, ice hockey, ski jumping and speed skating have always been sports at the Winter Olympics.

#### Key Vocabulary

international, host nation, athlete, sports, medal, competition, flags, torch, Olympic rings, modern, stadium, Paralympics

#### Links

Diagonal links with Ancient Greeks Y3/4 A