## Year 5/6: Groovy Greeks Knowledge Mat

# Subject Specific Vocabulary Dozen

civilisation	The people, culture and way of life of a certain area
empire	A group of countries that is ruled by one ruler or country.
City-state	A city which has its own laws, like a very small independent country.
Athenians	People from the Greek city of Athens
Spartans	The Spartans believed that strict discipline and a tough upbringing was a secret to making the best soldier.
democracy	A fair political system where adults vote for an elected government who then make decisions on how to run the country.
Oligarchy	A type of government where the power is held by a few people.
philosophy	Philosophy is a way of thinking about the world, the universe, and society.
legacies	Things that exist after someone dies or after a civilisation or event ends.
Olympics	The ancient Olympic Games were originally a festival, or celebration of Zeus
myth	A traditional story concerning early history explaining a phenomenon and typically involving supernatural beings.
climate	The weather and temperature usually found in an area over a long period of time.

#### Key questions

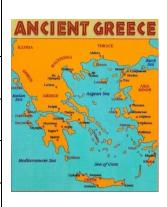
Where is Greece?

What is the climate like?

How do we know about Ancient Greeks; when did they live?

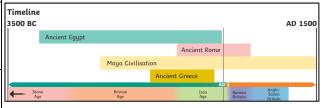
What was daily life like in Ancient Greece? What do we know about life in Athens and Sparta?

What legacy has been left by Ancient Greece? What is Greece like today? Why is tourism popular?



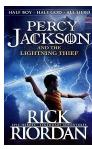






#### Exciting Books







### Sticky Knowledge about Ancient Greece

- Ancient Greece was a civilisation made up of city states. It existed from around 700BC.
- Sparta and Athens were two city states in Ancient Greece.
  Most city states were similar to Athens. Life in Sparta was
  very different to life in Athens. In Sparta, men had to be in the
  army. Women and girls in Sparta had more freedom than in
  Athens as they could go to school and leave the house
  without a man's permission.
- The Ancient Greeks worshiped lots of different gods (similar to the Ancient Egyptians). Zeus was the king of the gods. The gods had different powers.
- Historians use artefacts and archaeological sites such as the Acropolis in Athens to give them clues about what Ancient Greece was like.
- Some things that we have and do today were influenced or invented by the Ancient Greeks. The Olympic Games, the marathon, theatre, Maths, Science and medicine were all influenced by the Ancient Greeks.
- Athens is the capital of Greece.
- Greece is made up of many islands and tourism is an important industry.