

Ancient Greeks KS2 Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary			Where is Greece?	
philosophy	Philosophy is a way of thinking about the world, the universe, and society.			
Athenians	It is the birth place of democracy and the heart of the Ancient Greek civilisation.		Exciting Books	
Spartans	The Spartans believed that strict discipline and a tough upbringing was the secret to making the best soldiers.			
democracy	Democracy means allowing citizens to make their own decisions for their personal lives.			
Olympics	The ancient Olympic Games were originally a festival, or celebration of Zeus.	Sticky Knowledge about Ancient Greece		
plague	The plague of Athens was an epidemic illness that devastated the city.	☐ The Ancient Greeks invented the theatre because they loved watching plays, and most cities had a theatre.		
truce	A truce is when two fighting sides declare peace or a break in the war.	☐ Events at the Greek's Olympics included wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus and chariot racing.		
Zeus	The supreme god of the Olympians, Zeus was the father of Perseus and Heracles.	☐ The Ancient Greeks held many festivals in honour of their gods.		
loincloth	A single piece of cloth wrapped round the hips, typically worn by men in some hot countries as their only garment.	☐ Most Ancient Greeks wore a chiton, which was a long T-shirt made from one large piece of cotton. The poor slaves, however, had to make do with a loincloth.		
Apollo	Apollo was the god of music, truth and prophecy.			
sacred truce	A special truce called whilst the Olympics were taking place.			
temple	A building devoted to the worship of a god or gods.			