

Woodthorpe Community Primary Knowledge Organiser – Y5 History: Ancient Greece and its influences

Spring 1	
What will I be learning?	What will I be learning?

776 BC
First Olympic games are held.

650 BC
The Tyrant Kypselos takes over Corinth.

500 BC
The 'Classical Period' starts.

460 BC
Hippocrates 'Father of Medicine' is born in Kos.

388 BC
King Philip II takes control of Greece.

146 BC
Greece falls under the Roman Empire.

700 BC
Homer writes the Odysseys and Iliad poems.

508 BC
Male citizens of Athens are allowed to vote.

472 BC
Greek theatres become popular in Athens.

432 BC
The Parthenon is finished in Athens.

336 BC
Alexander the great takes control of Greece.



Greek **architecture** has influenced the design of buildings all over the world. The British Museum (London) is an example of this

Key vocabulary

Architecture	The art or practice of designing and constructing buildings.
AD	Anno Domini (Latin) 'In the Year of our Lord'
BC	Before Christ
Democracy	A system of government, where the population gets to vote for representatives that will represent their area.
Assembly	In Athens the Assembly consisted of the group of citizens who showed up to vote

THE GREEK ALPHABET

Ελληνικό αλφάβητο

The Greek alphabet has been used to write the Greek language since the 8th century BC. It was derived from the earlier Phoenician alphabet, and was the first alphabet to have distinct letters for vowels as well as consonants. It is the ancestor of the Latin and Cyrillic scripts. Apart from its use in writing the Greek language, in both its historical and modern forms, the Greek alphabet has also served as a model for other alphabets and scripts in mathematics, science and other fields.

Αα Alpha al-fah	Ββ Beta bay-tah	Γγ Gamma gam-mah	Δδ Delta del-tah	Εε Epsilon ep-si-lon
Ζζ Zeta zay-tah	Ηη Eta ay-tah	Θθ Theta thay-tah	Ιι Iota eye-o-tah	Κκ Kappa cap-ah
Λλ Lambda lamb-dah	Μμ Mu mew	Νν Nu new	Ξξ Xi zi-eye	Οο Omicron om-e-cron
Ππ Pi pie	Ρρ Rho roe	Σσς Sigma sig-mah	Ττ Tau taw	Υυ Upsilon oop-si-lon
Φφ Phi	Χχ Chi	Ψψ Psi	Ωω Omega	

The Greek alphabet and language influenced us too. Our alphabet was developed using some of the alphabet that the Ancient Greeks used. In fact, the first two letters in the Greek alphabet were 'alpha' and 'beta', which is where we get the word 'alphabet' from!

Many mathematical words are also Greek in origin, e.g. polygon, scalene, tetrahedron.

The Olympics started in Ancient Greece



