History – Ancient Greece – Legacy and Achievements – Year 6 - Summer 1

Vocabulary Top Ten:

architecture	the design of buildings
athletics	sports which require strength, endurance, and skill
citizen	a person who lives in a particular place
civilisation	a group of people living together who have their own culture or way of living
democracy	a form of government where people have a say
Olympia	a place in Ancient Greece where sport was held
ostracon	a broken piece of pottery which was used for voting
philosophy	thinking deeply and reasoning about things
stadion	an ancient running event held at the Greek's sporting festival.
tragedy	something terrible that has happened



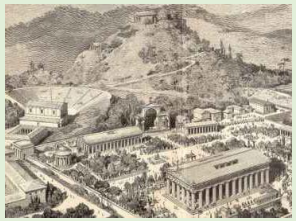
Ancient Greek Ostracon



Ancient Greek water clock

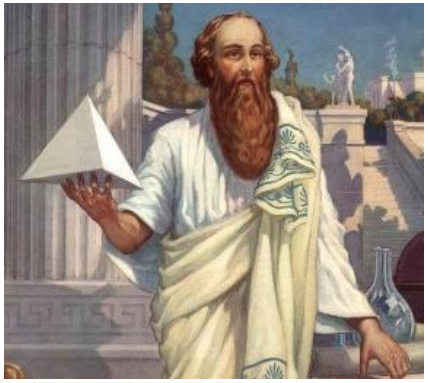


Nike, the Goddess of Victory



The Olympic Games were held in Ancient Olympia

Greek Philosophers



Pythagoras was an Ancient Greek mathematician and philosopher who found ways to measure and describe shapes that we still use in Maths today.

Key Facts:

Greeks first introduced the world to the idea of a true democracy. Citizens were allowed to vote for their leaders and new laws.

Some of history's greatest philosophers were Ancient Greeks including Plato, Aristotle, and Socrates. Philosophy students still study the writings and teachings of Greek philosophers today.

Greeks invented drama, where actors performed written work. Greek theatre also introduced the ideas of comedy and tragedy.

Greek architecture is known for tall columns, intricate detail, symmetry, harmony, and balance. Later, the Romans copied many of the Greek ideas into their own buildings.

Greek was spoken throughout Eastern Europe for hundreds of years; there are many words we use which come from Greek language.

Know that the word "**alphabet**" comes from the first two letters of the Greek alphabet "**alpha**" and "**beta**".

Ancient Greeks loved athletics and sports. They enjoyed discus, javelin, long jump, boxing and horse racing.

Greeks prayed to Nike, the Goddess of Victory for luck. Nike is still a big name in sport today.

The Olympic Games were held in Olympia every four years. They were held there to honour the gods who lived on Mount Olympus. Like the Greeks, we also hold the Olympic Games every four years.

Greeks were well known for their realistic sculpture. The Greeks have heavily influenced western art throughout history.

Greek root: bio
English meaning: life
Examples: biography
biology

Greek root: geo
English meaning: earth
Examples: geography
geometry

Greek root: hydra
English meaning: water
Examples: dehydrate
hydropower

Greek root: phon
English meaning: sound
Examples: microphone
telephone

Greek root: syn
English meaning: together
Examples: synthetic
photosynthesis