


## Year 5 – Ancient Greece

Subject Specific Vocabulary		Timeline	Key Texts/Facts
Acropolis	Acropolis Fortified city core located on a rocky outcrop above Athens.	2900 - 2000 BC - The Bronze Age when Early Aegean cultures start to emerge	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>Ancient Greek</b> pottery was decorated with scenes of soldiers, gods or daily life, as well as geometric patterns.</p> <p>The city-state Sparta was well-known for its strong army. Spartan boys trained to become warriors from the age of 7 years old!</p> <p>The Ancient Greek period came to an end when it became part of the Roman Empire in 146 BC.</p>
Polytheistic	Religious system where people believe in or worship more than one god.	2500 BC - The great Minoan civilisation	
Democracy	A system of government where eligible people elect representatives.	1200 BC - The Trojan War and the destruction of Troy	
Oligarchy	A system of government where a small group of people control everything.	1050 - 750 BC - The Dark Ages of Greece	
Mount Olympus	The highest mountain in Greece and the mythological home of the Greek Gods, primarily twelve Olympian Gods.	850 - 700 BC - Development of the first Greek Alphabet	
Parthenon	Temple dedicated to Athena located on the Athenian Acropolis.	776 BC - The First Olympic Games are staged	
Titans	An older generation of Gods including Cronus & Rhea who were the children of earlier Gods and parents to the Olympian Gods	650 BC - The Rise of the Greek tyrants	
City State	A city that had its own government and rules the area around it	600 BC - Greek Coin currency introduced	
		500 – 323 BC - The Greek Classical Period	<b>Key people / Key questions</b>
		490 BC - Greek/ Persian Wars led by Xerxes	Sophocles - Influential playwright known for writing over 120 plays, mainly tragedies. Most famous plays include: Oedipus & Antigone.
		333 BC - Alexander the Great defeats the Persians at Issus and is given Egypt by the Persian Satrap	Alexander the Great - King of the ancient Greek kingdom of Macedonia; united and secured the whole of Greece and fought against the Persian Empire to the East. Died aged 32.
		86 BC - The Roman General Sulla captures Athens	Q – What legacy did the Greeks leave behind?
		<b>Local Link: Penshaw Monument</b>	Q – Why do you think the Romans adopted aspects of Greek culture?