

# Year 4 – Autumn – Why was the Ancient Greek civilisation significant then and now?

## What I need to know by the end of this unit:

- Ancient Greece was made up of different city states.
- Some English words originate from the Ancient Greek language.
- Greek architecture influences buildings today.
- The city state of Athens was a democracy.
- Men had greater social status and importance than women.
- Sparta and Athens fought each other.
- Greeks worshipped Gods and Goddesses.
- The ancient Olympic Games were held to honour the Gods.
- There are both similarities and differences between the ancient and modern Olympics.

## Olympics



## Key Vocabulary – Top 5!

- **City state** – a self-governing state made up of a city and its surrounding territory.
- **democracy** – a form of government in which power rests with the people, either directly or through elected representatives.
- **myth** – a story or group of stories that form part of the traditional knowledge of a society.
- **God/Goddess** – a being that is worshipped and believed to have special powers over nature or life. God refers to males and goddess refers to females.
- **Olympics** – a sporting event.

