

Y3 Spring 1

# GODS AND MORTALS



From nothingness came chaos; from chaos came air and water; from air and water came life. Then, rising majestically from the darkness, came Gaia, Mother Earth, a beacon of warmth and light. Discover a fantastical world full of mythical creatures and legendary heroes. Poseidon, Apollo, Artemis and Zeus reign almighty from Mount Olympus, watching mere mortals on dusty Athenian streets. Meet Theseus, the hero, and Helen of Troy, the beautiful face that launched a thousand ships. Explore the terrains of Greece, where in pure blue skies, the Sun scorches waxen wings and melts the fortunes of Icarus and Daedalus.

## Help your child prepare for their topic!

Greece is a fascinating country that has a long and colourful history. Why not sample some delicious Greek food such as baklava or tzatziki? You could also research ancient Greek pots and sketch the intricate images painted on them. Alternatively, have fun taking part in a back garden Olympics, seeing who can run the fastest or throw a ball the furthest!



## Ancient Greece

The ancient Greeks lived about 4000 years ago. Ancient Greece was made up of many city-states. The city-states were protected by a powerful city. Each city-state had its own laws, customs and rulers and were often at war with each other.

## Greek Soldiers

War was a big part of life in ancient Greece. The army was mainly made up of foot soldiers, known as hoplites. They fought with a long spear and used a large shield for protection.

## Gods and Goddesses

The ancient Greeks believed the gods and goddesses watched over them from the top of Mount Olympus and that each god or goddess had power over a different part of the world.



**Zeus:** king of gods and ruler of the skies.

**Poseidon:** god of the sea.

**Hades:** god of the underworld.

**Demeter:** goddess of the Earth and harvest.

Writing	Non-Chronological Report – Ancient Greece. Maintain the features of a non-chronological report, cohesive phrases to make my writing flow and Red Ambitious words to extend my vocabulary. Narrative Retell – Greek Myths and Legends – Athena and Arachne. Signal story openings and closings, use one word in isolation to grab the reader's attention and inverted commas.
Reading	The Greek myth of Athena and Arachne. Sandman and the Turtles. The story of Icarus.
Maths	Multiplication ( $TO \times O$ ) and Division ( $TO \div O$ ) Fractions
Geog	Maps, globes and digital mapping tools can help to locate and describe significant geographical features. Countries in Europe include the United Kingdom, France, Spain, Germany, Italy and Belgium. Russia is part of both Europe and Asia.
History	The achievements and influences of the ancient Greeks on the wider world include the English alphabet and language; democracy, including trial by jury; sport and the Olympic Games; the subjects of mathematics, science, philosophy, art, architecture and theatre. Historical information can be presented as a narrative, non-chronological report, fact file, timeline, description, reconstruction or presentation. The causes of a significant event are the things that make the event happen and directly lead up to the event. The consequences of a significant event happen after the event and can be short-term, such as people being killed in a battle, or long-term, such as the change in language and society after an invasion.
Art	Malleable materials, such as clay, papier-mâché and Modroc, are easy to change into a new shape. Rigid materials, such as cardboard, wood or plastic, are more difficult to change into a new shape and may need to be cut and joined together using a variety of techniques. Explorations of the similarities and differences between pieces of art, structures and products from the same genre could focus on the subject matter, the techniques and materials used or the ideas and concepts that have been explored or developed. Artists draw, paint or sculpt human forms in active poses.
DT	Materials for a specific task must be selected on the basis of their properties. These include physical properties as well as availability and cost. Specific tools can be used for cutting, such as saws. Wood can be joined using glue, nails, staples, or a combination of these.
Music	Ancient Worlds: Performing a song cycle and a round. Composing own ostinato.
PE	Gymfit Circuits: Master basic movements, developing balance, agility and co-ordination.
IT	Digital Designer: Multimedia and Simulations