**History Term 1 Knowledge Organiser – Ancient Greece**

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| **Key Vocabulary** | |
| **Ancient** | Something from a very long time ago. |
| **Democracy** | Democracy is a system where the citizens of a country or state are involved in the way it is run. |
| **City states** | Small areas that ancient Greece was divided into, each with their own governments, laws and army. |
| **Primary source** | Information and objects that come from the time being studied. |
| **Secondary source** | Interpretations of information and objects which are produced after the time being studied. |
| **Myth** | A legend or story produced by the religion and culture of ancient Greece. |
| **Sparta** | A prominent city-state in Laconia, in ancient Greece. |
| **Athens** | Athens was the largest and most influential of the Greek city-states |
| **Parthenon** | The Parthenon is a former temple on the Athenian Acropolis, Greece, BC. |



**Olympic Games**

* The first recorded Games was in 776 BC, in Olympia.
* The event was part of a festival to honour the Greek god, Zeus.
* Women were not allowed to compete in the Olympics. This was because ancient Greek women were not treated as equals to men and had fewer freedoms.
* Events included boxing, wrestling, running and chariot racing.



**Religion and Beliefs**

* The ancient Greeks believed in many different gods and goddesses.
* Each god/goddess represented a certain aspect of humanity and each was responsible for certain parts of life too.
* It is believed that the 12 most powerful gods lived on Mount Olympus.