


Sherdley Primary School - Life in Greece

Olympic Games – key facts	Year	Event	Vocabulary	
The Olympic games began over 2,700 years ago in Olympia, Greece.	3000 BC	Greek civilisation begins.	empire	A group of countries that are run by the government of another country.
The Games were part of a religious festival, held in honour of Zeus, king of the gods and took place every four years at Olympia.	776 BC	First Olympic games are held.	democracy	A system where people make important decisions by voting.
They included the following events - running, discus, javelin, long jump, wrestling, boxing, chariot racing and the pentathlon.	508 BC	Democracy is introduced in Athens.	column	A tall cylinder of stone, which often forms part of a building.
People from all over the Greek world came to watch and take part.	336 BC	Alexander the Great becomes king.	council	A group of people who are chosen to be in charge of a town or city.
The Greek Olympics inspired the modern Olympic Games (which began in 1896).	146 BC	Invasion of Romans.	myth	A well-known story, which was made up in the past to explain natural events.
<p style="text-align: center;">The Parthenon</p>  <p>A important Greek temple built in Athens in honour of the Goddess Athena. A temple is an important religious building.</p>	479 AD	Athens and Sparta defeat the Persians.	assembly	A large group of people who meet to make decisions for a particular region or country.
	BC stands for Before Christ. AD stands for 'Anno Domini', which means 'the year of our Lord' in Latin.		citizen	Someone who lives in a particular town or city.
	Greek Gods and Goddesses		civilisation	How a group of humans organise their lives.
	Aphrodite	Goddess of Love and Beauty and protector of sailors	representative	A person chosen to act or speak for others.
	Hera	Goddess of Marriage and Queen of Olympus.	polytheism	The belief in more than one god.
	Zeus	God of the Sky and King of Olympus	conflict	A disagreement about something important.
	Poseidon	God of the Sea	truce	An agreement to stop fighting or arguing.
	Apollo	God of light and music.	THE ALPHABET: The word alphabet comes from the first two Greek letters 'alpha' and 'beta'. The first five letters of the Greek alphabet were - Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon.	
	Athena	Goddess of wisdom		
	Hermes	Messenger to the Gods		