

# Sherdley Primary School - Life in Greece (Year 4 Summer Term 2)

Olympic Games – key facts	Year	Event	Vocabulary	
The Olympic games began over 2,700 years ago in Olympia, Greece.	<b>3000 BC</b>	Greek civilisation begins.	<b>empire</b>	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.	<b>776 BC</b>	First Olympic games are held.	<b>democracy</b>	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.	<b>508 BC</b>	Democracy is introduced in Athens.	<b>column</b>	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.	<b>336 BC</b>	Alexander the Great becomes king.	<b>council</b>	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).	<b>146 BC</b>	Invasion of Romans.	<b>myth</b>	A well-known story, which was made up in the past to explain natural events.
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Parthenon</b></p>  <p>A important Greek temple built in Athens in honour of the Goddess Athena. A temple is an important religious building.</p>	<b>479 AD</b>	Athens and Sparta defeat the Persians.	<b>assembly</b>	A large group of people who meet to make decisions for a particular region or country.
	<b>BC stands for Before Christ. AD stands for 'Anno Domini', which means 'the year of our Lord' in Latin.</b>		<b>citizen</b>	Someone who lives in a particular town or city.
	<b>Greek Gods and Goddesses</b>		<b>civilisation</b>	How a group of humans organise their lives.
	<b>Aphrodite</b>	Goddess of Love and Beauty and protector of sailors	<b>representative</b>	A person chosen to act or speak for others.
	<b>Hera</b>	Goddess of Marriage and Queen of Olympus.	<b>polytheism</b>	The belief in more than one god.
	<b>Zeus</b>	God of the Sky and King of Olympus	<b>conflict</b>	A disagreement about something important.
	<b>Poseidon</b>	God of the Sea	<b>truce</b>	An agreement to stop fighting or arguing.
	<b>Apollo</b>	God of light and music.	<b>THE ALPHABET:</b> 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.	
	<b>Athena</b>	Goddess of wisdom		
	<b>Hermes</b>	Messenger to the Gods		