

**Unit Title:**  
**How did the Ancient Greeks prosper and what was the legacy of this?**

**What should I know?**

- Greece is in Europe and its capital city is Athens
- We learnt a lot from the Ancient Greeks: Democracy, medicine, theatre, maths, inventions, architecture, language
- Ancient Greeks had many battles
- Ancient Greeks invented the Olympic Games
- Ancient Greeks believed in many Gods and built temples to them and told myths about them
- Some Ancient Greeks had slaves
- Some Ancient Greeks went to school

**Key Knowledge**

**What is Greece like?**

Greece's position next to the sea (there are over 1400 islands) meant Ancient Greeks were a seafaring people. Trade between the islands led to the creation of 'city-states' (polis). Each city-state was ruled by a powerful city, led by a ruler or (later) government. Greece is a warm country, but winds from the Mediterranean, and rains from the north, kept temperatures liveable and created fertile farming conditions.

**Important dates for Ancient Greece**

776 BC - The first Olympic Games take place  
600 BC - The first Greek coins are used to buy and sell goods  
570 BC - Pythagoras is born. He made major breakthroughs in science and maths  
508 BC - Democracy begins in Athens, giving greater power to the people  
432 BC - The Parthenon, the most famous building in Athens, is completed  
400-300 BC - Socrates, Plato and Aristotle live, advancing learning  
336 BC - Alexander the Great is King and completes many conquests  
144 BC - Rome conquers Greece, making it a part of the Roman Empire



**Key Vocabulary**

Chiton  
Column  
Democracy  
Empire  
Government  
Gymnasium  
Helmet  
Myth  
Nobleman  
Olympics  
Philosophy  
Slave  
Soldier  
Tunic  
Vase

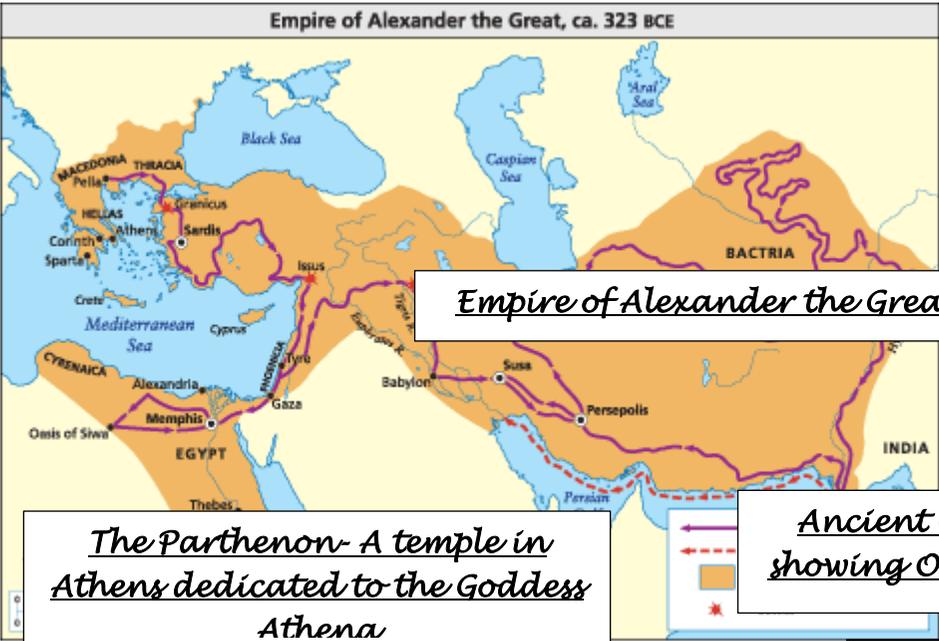
**What should I know by the end of the unit?**

- Where Greece is
- The climate in Greece and why it is this way
- That the Olympic Games began in Ancient Greece and form the basis
- That the Ancient Greeks started democracy
- Why and how Ancient Greeks fought wars
- Who Alexander the Great was and why he is important
- How places changed as they were ruled by Alexander the Great
- What the Ancient Greeks wore and how to make my own

**Making Links - Remember when you....**

- Learnt about Ancient Greek myths and legends
- Learnt about daily life in Ancient Greece
- Learnt about living in Greece today
- Learnt about Ancient Egypt

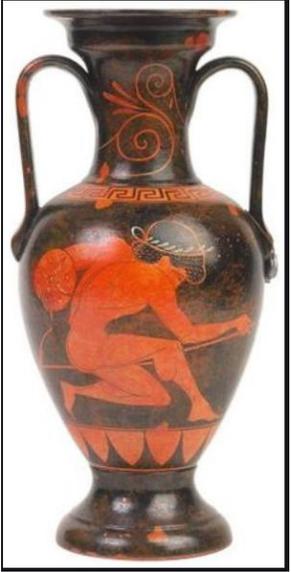
Map of Greece



Empire of Alexander the Great

The Parthenon- A temple in Athens dedicated to the Goddess Athena

Ancient Greek Vase showing Olympic Sport



Ancient Greek clothing

