Coley Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

SUBJECT FOCUS:		YEAR 3	TERM

WHAT? – Key Knowledge

Around 2500 years ago Greece was very important in the ancient world. The Ancient Greeks called themselves Hellenes. They lived in Greece and the Greek island but became an empire and lived in colonies in Italy, Sicily, Turley and North Africa.

Greek had a 'Dark Age' it is called this as no-one really knows what happened and there is little or no evidence left.

Later Ancient Greece has what was called the 'Golden Age' when there were lots of scientific discoveries, great philosophers, mathematicians, fantastic buildings and wonderful art. This time is also called Classical Greece.

Ancient Greece came to an end when they Romans invaded. However, the Romans did not destroy Greek life but instead copied Greek culture.

Key Events

3000 – 1450BC The Minoan Civilization on Crete

1600 -1100 BC Mycenaean civilization on mainland Greece

1100BC The Greek Dark Ages begin

Around 800 BC The beginnings of Ancient Greece

700BC Homer write the Iilad and Odyssey

776BC The first Olympic Games

600BC The Greeks use coin currency

508BC Male citizens of Athens are allowed to vote

480BC The Greek Golden Age

432BC The Parthenon in Athens is finished

333BC Alexander the Great defeats the Persians and takes over Egypt.

146BC Greece if conquered and becomes part of the Roman Empire.

WHAT? – Key vocabulary

Athens	The capital city of Greece. People have live there for 5000 years.
The Acropolis	An ancient part of the city built on top of a rocky hill
Democracy	A system to run a country by people voting.
Olympics	A celebration for the god Zeus through sporting events
Philosophy	The study of making right and wrong decisions. The study of what the world is and how we understand it.
Myth	Stories about gods and monsters and sometimes explaining how the world works.
Currency	A system of money
The Parthenon	A temple built to worship the Greek Goddess Athena
Colony	A country or area that is under the control of another country
Some Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses	
Zeus	King of the Gods – Thunder and Lightning
Hades	God of the Dead and King of the Underworld
Poseidon	God of the Sea
Hera	Queen of the Gods – Zeus' wife
Apollo	God of the Sun, music and art.
Aphrodite	Goddess of Love and Beauty
Hermes	Messenger of the gods
Ares	God of war
Athena	Goddess of Wisdom

Diagrams



Evidence of the Ancient Greeks

The Ancient Greeks made and decorated vases. They often showed pictures of daily life, special events and stories.





There are also statues left from the Ancient Greeks.



The ruin of the Parthenon in Athens.



The ruins of the Acropolis in Athens



An example of Ancient Greek coin.



Key Historical Figures

Sophocles	A playwright who wrote over 120 plays, seven of his plays have survived.
Aesop	A former slave and a famous story teller. He wrote Aesop's Fables – they are still read today.
Homer	Wrote the Iliad and Odyssey which are famous Greek stories still read today.
Archimedes	Scientist and Mathematician. He explained why water rises when you get in the bath.
Socrates	Sometimes called the 'Father of Western Philosophy'. A famous thinker who asked people questions to help them explore their ideas.
Demosthenes	A famous philosopher who invented the idea of democracy.
Pythagoras	A famous mathematician who wrote laws about triangles. We still use these in maths today.
Alexander the Great	King of Macedon a Greek Kingdom. Conquered Persia, India and Egypt.

Possible Experiences

Find out where the Ancient Greeks came from and know where is Greece is situated in Europe.

Know the Ancient Greeks invented the Olympics. Learn what the Olympics were like in Ancient Greece.

Name some of the Greek Gods, Goddesses and heroes and find out about some of the famous myths of about them.

Find out about some of the famous Greek philosophers. For example who created democracy and how did it work?

Find out what it was like to live in Ancient Greece – clothes, buildings, education, differences for men and women.

Find out about some famous Ancient Greeks and their discoveries.

Who was Alexander the Great and why is he so famous?

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