

## Prior Learning

Children have been taught an overview of some of the first civilisation, including Ancient Sumer and the Shang Dynasty, and studied their writing systems, mathematical findings and inventions.

## Ancient Greece

### Key Facts

- Greeks believed in 12 Olympian gods who were ruled by Zeus.
- The ancient Greeks held many festivals in theatres and all the actors were men wearing masks. Ancient Greeks loved sporting events: The first Olympic games were held in 776BC in Olympia.
- Athens used democracy to vote in leaders whereas Sparta was ruled by two kings.
- Greece was split into city states. The 2 most powerful were Athens and Sparta. Spartans trained to be soldiers and warriors whereas Athenians spent time reading, writing and playing sport.

### Vocabulary

**Government**—is a group of people who run a country or state.

**Democracy**—Athens was the first Government to have a democracy. Male citizens were able to vote.

**Monarchy**—a king or queen is Head of State.

**Oligarchy**—a small group of people who have control over a country.

**city-state**— or 'Polis'. Each Polis has its own government and laws.

**Olympians** - 12 gods and goddesses of Greek mythology.



Map of Ancient Greece

