



# BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL CRICKETS TERMS 1 AND 2 ANCIENT GREECE KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

## KEY VOCABULARY AND SPELLINGS

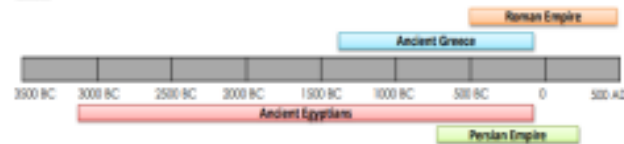
- Acropolis** – an ancient citadel (fortress) usually on a hill.
- Assembly** – a group of citizens who turned up to vote.
- Citizens** – an inhabitant of a town or city.
- Democracy** – a form of government where citizens have a say in how they are ruled.
- Dictatorship** – ruled by one person (a dictator) who has total power over a country.
- Olympics** – an athletic event held every 4 years.
- Titans** – the first Greek gods.
- Myth** – a traditional story explaining the history of people or a natural phenomenon.
- Architecture** – the art or practise of designing and constructing buildings.
- Doric, Ionic and Corinthian** – types of architecture.
- Philosophy** – the study of the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality and existence.
- Spartans** – tough warriors living in the Greek city of Sparta.



## LOCATION



## CHRONOLOGY



Timeline	
2900 - 2000 BC	The Bronze Age when Early Aegean cultures start to emerge
2500 BC	The great Minoan civilisation
1200 BC	The Trojan War and the destruction of Troy
1050 - 750 BC	The Dark Ages of Greece
850 - 700 BC	Development of the first Greek Alphabet
776 BC	The First Olympic Games are staged
650 BC	The Rise of the Greek tyrants
600 BC	Greek Coin currency introduced
500 - 323 BC	The Greek Classical Period
490 BC	Greek/ Persian Wars led by Xerxes
333 BC	Alexander the Great defeats the Persians at Issus and is given Egypt by the Persian Satrap
86 BC	The Roman General Sulla captures Athens

## WRITING



Our class text this term is first The Orchard Book of Greek Myths by Geraldine McCaughrean and then Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan. We will be writing non-chronological reports about the Greek gods, writing our own versions of ancient Greek myths and write narrative poetry based on the 12 tasks of Hercules.

**LEGACY** – Over 3000 years later we are still using Ancient Greek ideas in maths, science and art. Our alphabet is based on the Greek one and in the dictionary you'll find hundreds of words that come from the Greek language.

The Greeks development of democracy is still our main form of government today. They also invented the theatre and the Olympic Games which we still enjoy today.

Alexander the Great (the King of Macedonia) led his army all over Greece, Persia, Egypt and even parts of India and spread the ideas of the Greeks. When he died the Romans continued to spread their ideas to more countries, including Britain.

Selected Ancient Greek Gods		
1	Zeus	Kind of the Gods, God of the Sky, Lightning and Thunder.
2	Hades	God the Dead and King of the Underworld
3	Poseidon	God of the Sea, Earthquakes & Storms.
4	Hera	Queen of the Gods; Goddess of Marriage.
5	Apollo	God of Music, Art, Knowledge & the Sun.
6	Aphrodite	Goddess of Love and Beauty.
7	Hermes	Messenger of the Gods, God of Trade & Travelers.
8	Ares	God of War.
9	Athena	Goddess of Wisdom, Courage and Strategy.
10	Demeter	Goddess of Agriculture and the Harvest.