

# ANCIENT GREEK CIVILISATIONS - YEAR 3



## GEOGRAPHY

The Ancient Greeks developed across the Atlantic Ocean in the continent of Europe.

Greece is a land of high, rugged mountains where farming was a struggle for the Ancient Greeks.

The largest Island in Greece is Crete and is surrounded by water so lots of Greeks were fishermen and sailors.

The highest mountain in Greece is Mount Olympus.

Civilisation – a community of people with a set of rules and way of life who live together peacefully

City-State – a small area of land with its own government and rules.

## THE OLYMPICS

Every 4 years, thousands of people from all over Greece met in Olympia for the Olympic Games.

The Olympic Games were part of a religious festival to honour King Zeus, the king of the Gods.

Ancient Olympic sports included discus throwing, javelin, long jump and chariot racing.

## GODS AND GODDESSES

Ancient Greeks believed that lots of Gods and Goddesses lived at the top of Mount Olympus.

The Gods and Goddesses were ruled by a King called Zeus and a Queen called Hera.

Athena was the Goddess of wisdom and Hera was an Earth Goddess and Zeus' wife.

Zeus was the God of the sky and was the King of all the Gods and Goddesses.

Poseidon was the God of the sea and was Zeus' brother.

## BATTLES AND INVASIONS

The Athenians won the battles against the Persians at Marathon, Thermopylae and Salamis.

Alexander the Great became king of Greece at the age of twenty.

Alexander the Great was a good warrior because he won battles and conquered Persia and Northern India.

Invader – someone who enters a place or country by force in order to conquer it.

Democracy – when people are given the power to choose their leaders and help to decide on how their land will be ruled.