Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Primary School History Overview — *Greek Gifts* Year 3 Focus Study



Core Knowledge:

Society	The Ancient Greeks were people who lived in Greece from 800BC to 146BC.
	Ancient Greece was a collection of city states that had different rules and rulers.
	 In Ancient Greece, most people lived in villages in the countryside.
	Ancient Greek homes were made from wood and mud bricks and did not have a bathroom.
	Farming, fishing and the army were common jobs in Ancient Greece.
	 The Ancient Greeks worshipped many gods and goddesses in temples.
	• The Ancient Olympic Games were part of a religious festival held in honour of the god Zeus.
	• The Ancient Greeks were the first to create a democracy, known as rule by the people.
Legacy	• The Ancient Greeks left a significant legacy including democracy, the Olympic Games, buildings and
血	language.
	 Democracy is the form of government used in the UK and many other countries today.
	• The modern Olympic games has its roots in the ancient Greek Olympics and still today, the
	Olympic torch relay begins in Greece.
	• The Ancient Greeks were ahead of their time because their ideas are still used today.

Historical Skills:

Developing &	Explain that the past can be divided into time periods.
Understanding	• Explain that a timeline can be divided into BC and AD.
Chronology	Use a timeline to place historical events.
Using &	Use a range sources to find out historical information.
Interpreting	• Explain the difference between a primary and secondary source and how to use them.
Historical	
Sources	
Explaining	• Explain why people did things and why events happened and what happened as a result.
Historical	
Reasons	
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Comparing &	Compare lives of people from the distant past to our own and identify differences.
Contrasting	

Enquiry Questions:

- > Who were the Ancient Greeks and when did they live?
- > What was daily life like in Ancient Greece?
- > What is the same and different about the ancient and modern Olympic Games?
- > What is the legacy of the Ancient Greeks?

Key Vocabulary:

Ancient Greece, BC, city state, Athens, Sparta, temples, Olympic Games, modern, ancient, festival, democracy, government

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Cross-Curricular Writing Outcome:

Writing to inform – Non-chronological report about ancient Greek gods and goddesses

Oracy Outcome:

Record a TV show about the ancient and modern Olympic Games