

Year 6 – Term 1

Looking to the future, how important are legacies from the past?

HISTORY



National Curriculum Links:

Ancient Greece – a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world.

Essential Prior Learning:

Children will have an awareness of the timeline of historical periods studied, including: the Jurassic Period, Ice Age, Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Ancient Egyptian.
Civilisations in different countries overlap, e.g. the Ancient Egyptian civilisation in Egypt was a similar period in history to the Bronze Age in Britain.
Some of the inventions and ideas we are familiar with originated or were developed during the past.

Progression in Skill:

Understand where the Ancient Greek periods fits within a timeline of periods studied and use this knowledge to deepen understanding of the achievements of that time period.
Develop an understanding of how historians date artefacts to recognise the pace of change.
Communicate findings from multiple sources in a variety of ways, including extended writing.
Begin to understand that the term ‘significance’ can have different meanings, according to the context.

Understand that Ancient Greek society has had an impact over time and geographically.
Know some of the major achievements of the Ancient Greek period: which continue to exist today and to what extent they have been modified.
Our modern-day alphabet is based on the Ancient Greek alphabet.
The Greeks built the first ever lighthouse, in Alexandria, demonstrating the importance of the sea and trade.
The Ancient Greeks are credited with the birth of democracy.
Within one country, there can be, different city states with their own laws, money and rulers.

Long-term Memory Knowledge:

Know and be aware of different time periods to understand the achievements of the Ancient Greeks.
Know some of the ways historians date artefacts and how this knowledge can help them understand the pace of change.
Know what is meant by ‘significant’ in relation to achievements from the past and how the significance of something can change over time.
Know some of the ways that Ancient Greek society has had an impact over time and geographically.
Recognise some of the major achievements of the Ancient Greek period that exist today and to what extent they have been modified.

Key Vocabulary

civilization	a group of people with their own language and way of life
government	the people who make the rules and laws for a particular state, country or kingdom
democracy	a government of elected representatives

architecture	the design of buildings
city state	a city that had its own government and ruled the area around it e.g. Athens, Sparta
polytheistic	a form of religion that believes in more than one god/goddess

Progression in Resources:

Images of modern Greece; map of Ancient Greece; BBC School & Museum of London websites; artefacts; photographs/images; Greek myths; Greek alphabets; dictionaries; Olympics footage; study of philosophical journals.

Relevance

Now	Children recognise that some of what we know/use today is the result of life in the past.
Future	Children develop an understanding of the chronology of different civilisations and how they have impacted modern day life.
Aspiration	Children develop a love for the past and a curiosity to find out more in depth about periods that interest them; understand the significance of history on our lives today.