



What should I know already?

- Greece is a country in the **continent** of Europe.
- The **climate** of Greece is slightly different to that of the UK.

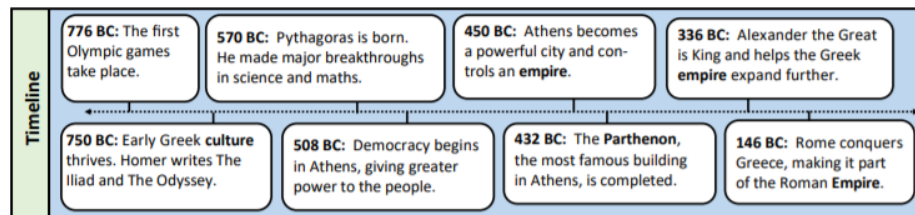
Things I need to know

- In Athens, Greek styles of art, **architecture**, **philosophy** and theatre were developed- these helped shape our modern society along with science, language and maths.
- Athens has a **democratic** government- this means the people who lived there made decisions by voting, like we do.
- In Sparta, life was very different; all that was important was to defend Sparta in battle.
- Religion was important in Ancient Greece. They were **polytheists**- they believed in Gods and Goddesses that were in charge of different parts of their lives, such as a God of the sea. Temples were built in their honour and they featured in Greek **mythology**.

Vocabulary

- Architecture**- the art of planning, designing and constructing buildings.
- Climate**- the general weather conditions.
- Continent** – a very large area of land that consists of many countries.
- Culture**- the ideas and behaviour of a particular group of people.
- Democracy**- a fair system where all adults vote for the government. This government then makes decisions on how to run the country.
- Merchant**- a person who buys or sells a large amount of goods.
- Mythology**- a group of myths, especially one belonging to a particular religious or cultural tradition.
- Philosophy**- the study of theories about basic things such as how people should live.
- Polytheists**- the worship or belief in more than one God.
- Trade**- the activity of buying, selling, or exchanging good or services.

Timeline



Diagrams



Greece is made up of the mainland and many islands. City-states (**polis**) were created and trade happened between each of the cities. Greece is a warm country, but winds from the Mediterranean, and rain from the north, kept temperatures liveable and created fertile farming conditions.

People and Places

- Greece was divided into city-states (polis) that each had their own laws and way of life, but that all spoke the same language. Two of the most well-known city states are Athens and Sparta.
- The first Olympic games were held in 776 in the city-state of Olympia.

