



Year 3 – Summer 2<sup>nd</sup> half

Title of topic: Ancient Adventurers

Topic Focus – History (Ancient Greeks)

This is the knowledge organiser for our topic. It includes all the learning outcomes, key facts and vocabulary. Please share this with your child to help them develop their knowledge and understanding of our topic.



### Gods and Goddesses.

The ancient Greeks believed the Gods and Goddesses watch over them from the top of Mount Olympus and that each God/Goddess had a different power of a part of the world.

Zeus – King of the Gods, ruler of the skies.

Poseidon – God of the sea.

Hades – God of the underworld.

### Key vocabulary:

**City-state** - An ancient city and surrounding area with an independent government- Athens and Sparta.

**Conquer** - To take control of another country, usually after war/battle.

**Dedicate** - To do something in honour of a person/thing.

**Democracy** - A system where the government is elected by the people.

**God** - A worshipped immortal being/spirit that is believed to have supreme power.

**Hoplite** - A heavily armoured, non-professional foot soldier of ancient Greece.

**Labyrinth** - A set of complicated connecting passageways that make it easy to get lost.

**Minotaur** - A monster that is half-man and half bull who lived in the Labyrinth.

**Mount Olympus** - A mountain peak where the ancient Greeks believed the gods lived.

**Myth** - An ancient story that explains the early history of a group of people.

**Peloponnesian War** - An ancient Greek war between Athens and Sparta.

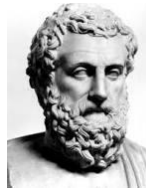
### Famous ancient Greeks



Homer  
c.800-710BCE



Plato  
c.428-347 BCE



Aristotle  
c384 -322BCE



Archimedes  
c212-288 BCE

### Greek Myths

Greek myths are stories about gods/magical creatures. They taught people about values: bravery and right and wrong.



### Trojan War

The war was between Troy and the Greek inside the walls of Troy. The Greeks built a wooden horse and hid 30 soldiers inside. The Trojans took the horse into the city and during the night, the Greeks crept out of the horse and opened the city gates. The Greeks fought the Trojans and won the war.

