

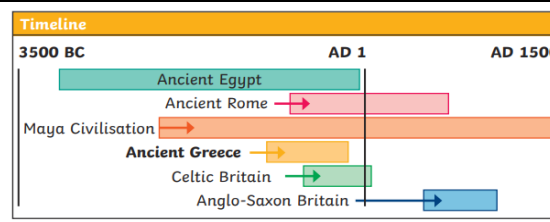
Castle Hill Primary School Knowledge Organisers		Year 4 Autumn 2 Ancient Greeks			
Key Vocabulary					
Empire	A group of countries that are run by the government of another country.	citizen	Someone who lives in a particular town or city	legacies	Things that live on after someone dies or after a civilisation or event ends
democracy	A system where people make important decisions by voting.	civilisation	How a group of humans organise their lives	temple	A holy building dedicated to a god.
column	A tall cylinder of stone, which often forms part of a building.	polytheism	The belief in more than one god.	Olympian	The 12 Olympians in Greek religion were the principle gods who lived on Mount Olympus.
council	A group of people who are chosen to be in charge of a town or city	conflict	A disagreement about something important	hoplite	An armoured soldier. The word hoplite comes from hoplon, meaning an item of armour.
myth	A well-known story, which was made up in the past to explain natural events.	City-states	A small city that was surrounded by a rural, agricultural area: Athens, Sparta, Corinth, Olympia	tyrant	A person who has absolute power in a state or in an organisation.

Year	Event
3000 BC	Greek civilisation begins
776 BC	First Olympic games are held
508 BC	Democracy is introduced in Athens
336 BC	Alexander the great becomes king.
146 BC	Invasion of Romans
479 AD	Athens and Sparta defeat the Persians.
BC stands for Before Christ. AD stands for 'Anno Domini', which means 'the year of our Lord' in Latin. AD dates indicate the number of years or centuries that have passed since the year in which Jesus Christ is believed to have been born.	



The Parthenon is an important Greek temple built in Athens in honour of the Goddess Athena.

Greek Gods and Goddess	
Aphrodite	Goddess of Love and Beauty and protector of sailors.
Hera	Goddess of Marriage and Queen of Olympus
Zeus	God of the sky and king of Olympus
Poseidon	God of the Sea
Apollo	God of light and music
Athena	Goddess of Wisdom
Hermes	Messenger to the Gods
Artemis	Goddess of the hunt and the moon.
Hades	God of the Underworld.
Hephaestus	God of Fire and the Forge.
Hestia	Goddess of hearth/ family life



Key Facts	
Alexander the Great 	Independent city states existed for most of the ancient Greek period. However, near the end of this period, King Philip II of Macedonia ruled over all of ancient Greece. Later, his son - Alexander the Great - took over the empire along with other lands that he conquered.
Olympic Games	The Olympic games began over 2,700 years ago in Olympia, Greece. The Games were part of a religious festival, held in honour of Zeus, king of the gods and took place every four years at Olympia. The Greek Olympic inspired the modern Olympic Games (which began in 1896).
Battle of Marathon	The Battle of Marathon took place in 490 BC, during the first Persian invasion of Greece. It was fought between the citizens of Athens, aided by Plataea, and a Persian force commanded by Datis and Artaphernes.
The 'Golden Era' refers to the golden age of Ancient Greece because it was a period in which Greek civilization achieved many important things. (E.g. great monuments, art, philosophy, architecture and literature)	