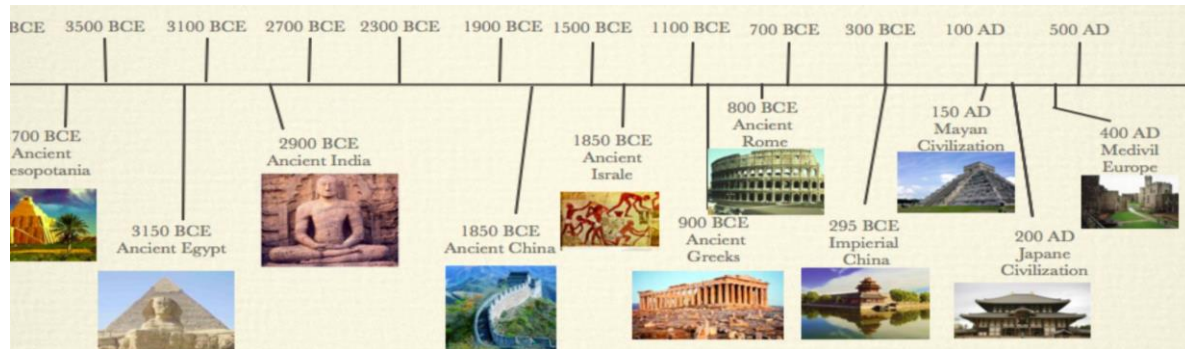


Knowledge Organiser- Year 4 – Autumn 1/Ancient Greeks – What did the Ancient Greeks leave us?



Key Person		
1	Alexander the Great	A ruler of Ancient Greece who conquered much of the civilized world from Greece to India including Egypt.

Key Vocabulary		
1	Decade	A period of ten years.
2	Century	A period of one hundred years.
3	Democracy	A democracy means 'rule by the people'. Here, people can take part in the decisions that affect the way their community is run
4	Myth	A well-known story, which was made up in the past to explain natural events
5	God	A male deity. A deity is thought to be a powerful spirit that controls events and the nature of things
	Goddess	A female deity.
6	Aristocracy	A kind of government that puts power in the hands of a small, privileged ruling class. In Ancient Greek, the word aristocracy means the rule of the best
7	Invention	A unique or novel device, method or process.

Key Concepts		
1	Ancient Greece was made up of city-states (also known as a polis)	The country was not controlled by a central government or by a king. City-states had their own laws. Athens, a main city-state, developed a form of government called democracy which allowed the people to rule the polis.
2	Ancient Greek artefacts such as pottery, as well as sites such temples and theatres help us build a picture of what life was like in Ancient Greece.	Pottery was very fashionable, and it was bought and sold all over the Mediterranean. The Greeks carefully designed and measured their buildings, making sure they got all their angles, shapes and sizes right. They celebrated the arts with big festivals. There was always music, dancing and feasting in honour of their gods.
3	The Ancient Greeks invented the Olympic Games.	The Olympic Games began over 2,700 years ago in Olympia, in south west Greece. Every four years, around 50,000 people came from all over the Greek world to watch and take part. The ancient games were also a religious festival, held in honour of Zeus , the king of the gods.
4	The Greeks watched the gods and goddesses	The Greeks believed their gods and goddesses were a bit like humans, but they lived forever and were much more powerful. They thought the gods lived high above Mount Olympus, in a palace in the clouds. From here, they kept an eye on life below. The Greeks built temples to their gods and goddesses
5	The only time Ancient Greece was one country was during the reign of Alexander the Great.	Alexander the Great was the king of Macedonia or Ancient Greece. He is considered one of the greatest military commanders in history. After getting all of Greece under his control, Alexander turned east to conquer more of the civilised world. He won battle after battle conquering many and rapidly expanding the Greek empire.