



TOPIC: Ancient Greece

<p><b>Key Subject Focus/Foci:</b> History/Geography</p>	<p><b>Quality Texts:</b> <i>Beasts of Olympus/ Greek Myths</i></p>	<p><b>Vocabulary:</b> <i>Democracy, hoplite, Athens, Sparta, Persia, temple, vase, column</i></p>
<p><b>Knowledge:</b></p>		<p><b>Skills:</b></p>
<p><i>I can locate the following countries and their capitals: United Kingdom, London; France, Paris; Portugal, Lisbon; Spain, Madrid; Germany, Berlin; Italy, Rome; Poland, Warsaw; Greece, Athens.</i></p>		<p><i>Locate Greece on a map. I can locate 6 European countries on a map I can plot historical periods on a time line.</i></p>
<p><i>Athens was run by a direct democracy. Boys learnt to read and write while girls stayed at home.</i></p>		<p><i>I can give more than one reason to support an argument. I know how the Greeks used weapons.</i></p>
<p><i>Sparta was ruled by two kings. Boys and girls went to school to learn how to be fierce warriors.</i></p>		
<p><i>The Athenians (with help from Sparta) beat the Persians at the Battle of Marathon even though they were outnumbered. Pheidippides ran 25 miles to deliver the victory message but died of exhaustion on arrival.</i></p>		
<p><i>The Greek gods lived on Mount Olympus and they worshipped them in temples, created statues of them and painted them on vases.</i></p>		
<p><i>The Greek gods include: Zeus, king of the gods; Hera, queen of the gods; Poseidon, god of the sea; Aphrodite, goddess of love &amp; beauty; Hermes, messenger of the gods; Apollo, god of light (pulls the sun); Artemis, goddess of hunting (pulls the moon).</i></p>		
<p><i>Slaves served food, which people ate with their fingers. They ate meat and seafood (including octopus) were usually eaten by richer people or on special occasions, while most people enjoyed vegetables, grapes, honey, olives, eggs, figs, bread dipped in wine, nuts, cheese and porridge.</i></p>		
<p><i>Our alphabet is descended from the Greek alphabet. Many of our words have Greek roots, too:</i></p>		
<p><i>They invented the Olympics. Sports included sprinting, boxing, wrestling and chariot racing.</i></p>		
<p><i>In literacy we will read Greek myths before writing one of our own. We will also write reports about mythical creatures. In art, we will create pictures of athletes in a variety of poses. We will also investigate how sound is made in science. We will find out about musical instruments from ancient Greece and develop rhythm, using djembes.</i></p>		

