## **Ancient Greeks KS2 Knowledge Mat**

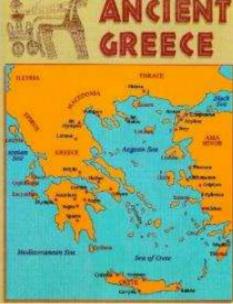
| Subject S    | pecific Vocabulary   |   |
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| philosophy   | Philosophy is a way of thinking about the world, the universe, and society.  |   |
| Athenians    | It is the birth place of democracy and the heart of the Ancient Greek civilisation.                                |   |
| Spartans     | The Spartans believed that strict discipline and a tough upbringing was the secret to making the best soldiers.    |   |
| democracy    | Democracy means allowing citizens to make their own decisions for their personal lives.                            |   |
| Olympics     | The ancient Olympic Games were originally a festival, or celebration of Zeus.                                      |   |
| plague       | The plague of Athens was an epidemic illness that devastated the city.   |   |
| truce        | A truce is when two fighting sides declare peace or a break in the war.  | - |
| Zeus         | The supreme god of the Olympians, Zeus was the father of Perseus and Heracles.                                     |   |
| loincloth    | A single piece of cloth wrapped round the hips, typically worn by men in some hot countries as their only garment. |   |
| Apollo       | Apollo was the god of music, truth and prophecy.   |   |
| sacred truce | A special truce called whilst the Olympics were taking place.  |   |
| temple       | A building devoted to the worship of a god or gods.  |   |



## Sticky Knowledge about Ancient Greece

- □ The Ancient Greeks invented the theatre because they loved watching plays, and most cities had a theatre.
- Events at the Greek's Olympics included wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus and chariot racing.
- ☐ The Ancient Greeks held many festivals in honour of their gods.
- Most Ancient Greeks wore a chiton, which was a long T-shirt made from one large piece of cotton. The poor slaves, however, had to make do with a loincloth.

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