# **Topic Plan**

#### YEAR 5

### WHO LET THE GODS OUT?

## ANCIENT GREECE ~

#### **Knowledge Taught**

- Chronology through the significant periods of time for Ancient Greeks
- Beliefs of the Ancient Greeks
- Comparison between the city-states of Athens and Sparta
- Birth of democracy in Athens
- Importance of theatre, myths and fables
- Significance of the Battle of Marathon, Thermopylae and Salamis
- Importance and purpose of Olympic Games
- Impact Alexander the Great had on Ancient Greece

#### **Key Facts**

- Ancient Greeks lived over 3000 years ago. Their civilisations followed a Dark Age in Greece, which is thought to have ended in 800 B.C.E
- The Ancient Greeks loved watching plays, and most cities had a theatre – some big enough to hold 15,000 people
- Most Ancient Greeks wore a chiton, which was a long Tshirt made from one large piece of cotton.
- Statues of Greek gods and goddesses were placed inside temples, the most famous of which is the Parthenon.
- Events at the Greek's
  Olympics included wrestling,
  boxing, long jump, javelin,
  discus and chariot racing.

#### **Key Vocabulary**

City State - an independent city with its own government

Tyrant - a person who rules in a cruel and unreasonable way

Sanctuary - a place for religious worship or safety

Valiantly – acting with great courage

Polytheistic – belief in or worship more than one God

#### Key Figures/Places

#### **Reading and Writing Links**







