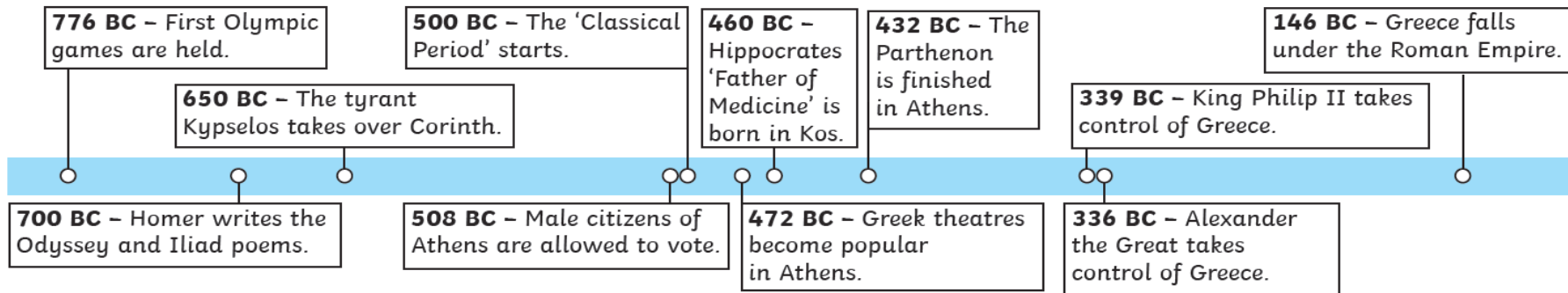




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## Year 4 Ancient Greece Knowledge Mat



Key Vocabulary	
<b>Apollo</b>	The Greek god of music, truth and prophecy.
<b>Athenians</b>	People from the Greek city of Athens.
<b>Athens</b>	The capital city of Greece, the birthplace of democracy and the heart of the Ancient Greek civilisation.
<b>Civilisation</b>	The people, culture and way of life of a certain area.
<b>Democracy</b>	Greek word meaning 'rule by the people'. It is a form of government

### Battles

Battles took place between different city states but when an outside enemy attacked, these city states would sometimes join forces.

#### The Battle of Marathon

- The Athenians were being invaded by the Persians and needed more soldiers to help them fight.
- Pheidippides was sent to run to Sparta to ask them to join forces with the Athenians. He ran 26 miles from Athens to Sparta which took him two days.
- The Spartans said they would help but only after they had finished celebrating a festival.
- Pheidippides ran all the way back to Athens to tell them they would have to wait.



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	allowing people to have their say by allowing them to vote.
<b>Empire</b>	A group of countries that is ruled by one ruler or country.
<b>Olympics</b>	Originated in Ancient Greece as a festival or celebration of and for Zeus the Olympics Games still take place every 4 years.
<b>Persian</b>	People from the area of Persia.
<b>Philosopher</b>	Someone who studies the idea of right and wrong, the value of things and knowledge.
<b>Truce</b>	When two fighting sides declare peace or a break in a war.
<b>Zeus</b>	The supreme god of the Olympians, Zeus was the father of Perseus and Heracles.

## Gods and Goddesses

The ancient Greeks believed that their gods and goddesses controlled everything and should be respected and honoured.

- Temples and shrines were built as places of worship.
- Festivals were held to celebrate the gods and goddesses and people would make offerings to them in the hope of being granted good fortune.
- It is believed that the 12 most powerful gods lived on Mount Olympus.
- Stories were told about the gods and goddesses and included heroic quests and scary beasts.

### Zeus

- The most powerful of all the gods.
- God of the Sky and the King of Mount Olympus.
- His temper affected the weather, and when he was angry he threw thunderbolts.

### Hera

- The sister and wife of Zeus.
- She was powerful and beautiful but very jealous and vain.
- Hera is an earth goddess and the goddess of family and marriage.

## Facts

- Ancient Greece was made up of over 1,000 city states, Athens and Sparta were just 2 of these.
- The Ancient Greeks believed in many Gods and Goddesses who lived on Mount Olympus, they believed that different Gods were responsible for different things.
- Athens did not have a king, it was ruled by the people as a democracy.