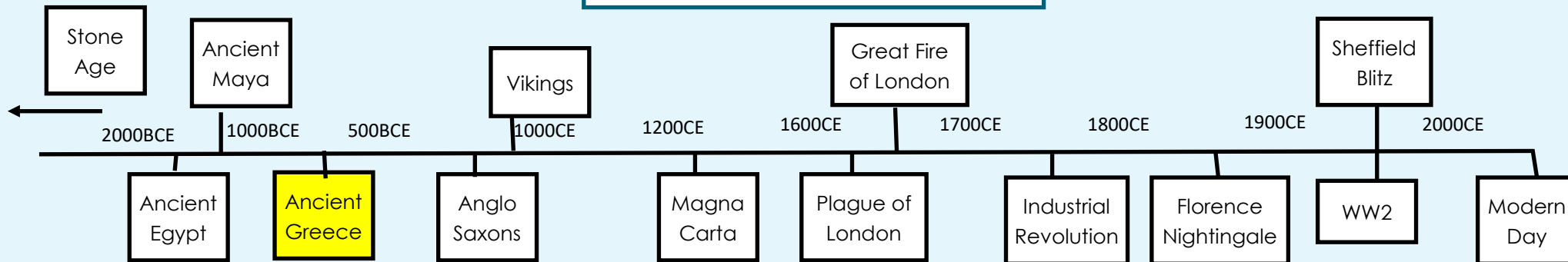


History - Y4 Autumn

Ancient Greeks



Key vocabulary to remember and use in your learning

deity	Another word for a god, or set of gods (deities).
Olympians	The 12 gods whom mostly reside on Mount Olympus.
Titans	The gods that came before the Olympians.
democracy	A form of government where the power rests with the people, usually through elected representatives.
vote	To express a choice when deciding how things are run or what happens.
government	A group of elected people that make laws and important decisions.
Olympic Games	Originally a religious sporting festival, held in honour of Zeus, King of the Gods (first held in 776 BCE)
Athens	The capital city of Greece, inhabitants are called 'Athenians'.
theatre	A structure in which plays are performed.
philosophy	A special way of thinking to try and make sense of the world.

Key knowledge to know and use

- The Ancient Greeks invented a new way of leading, called democracy. This new way of ruling began in Athens, where all free Athenian men were entitled to vote for the leaders who would represent them.
- The Battle of Marathon took place in 490 BCE and was fought between Athens and a Persian force. Herodotus, a famous Ancient Greek historian, wrote all about it. A fantastic runner, named Pheidippides, ran all the way from the battlefield to report the Athenian victory - a distance of about 26 miles. This is why the modern day marathon is 26 miles long.
- An Ancient Greek person named Homer is credited with creating the first ever epic story, 'The Odyssey'. It follows Odysseus's 10 year long (!) journey home from a war.

demos - the people **kratos** - power



There were 12 **Olympians**, powerful gods who ruled over mortal lives from up high on Mount Olympus. Each **deity** was in charge of a different aspect of life and was supposedly able to directly influence people's lives. Zeus was the King of the gods; he is often depicted with a lightning bolt. He was married to his sister, Hera, who ruled as Queen.