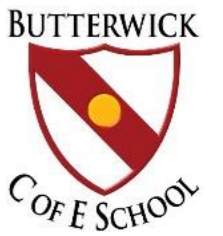




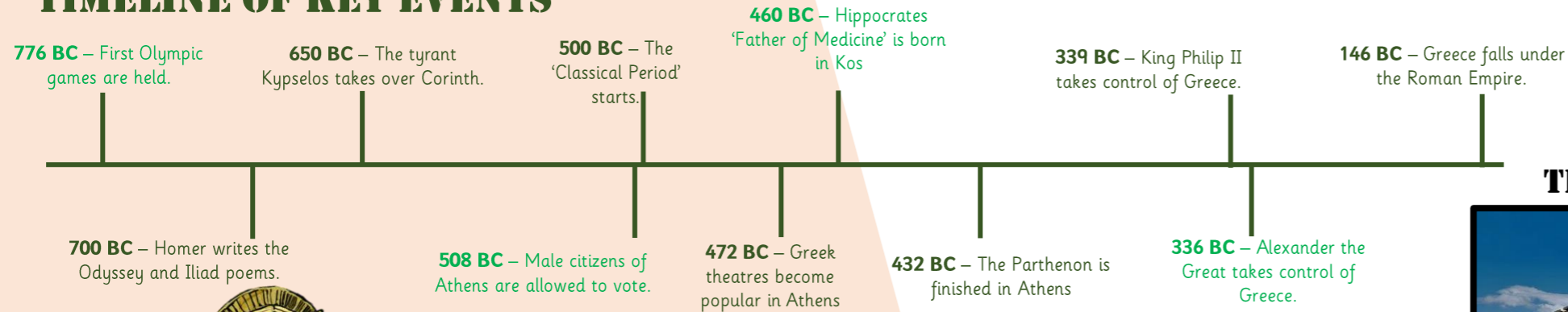
THE GREEK OLYMPICS

Began in 776 BC in Olympia.
 Believed to be a religious event to honour Zeus, the King of the Gods.
 Events included boxing, wrestling, long-distance running and chariot racing.
 Some of the evidence about the games comes from paintings discovered on vases.

THE GREEKS



TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS



GREEK GODS

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.

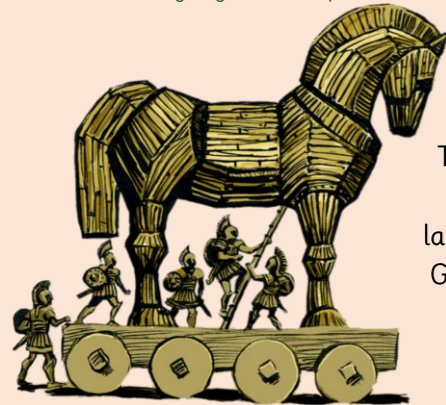
Stories were told about the gods and goddesses and included heroic quests and scary beasts.

THE PARTHENON



THE TROJAN WAR

The Trojan War is a famous story told by the famous Greek writer, Homer. The Greeks had a plan to win a battle against the Trojans... they gifted a large wooden horse to the city which the Trojans thought was a sign that the Greeks had given up. Hiding inside the horse, was a group of Greek soldiers, who, in the dead of night, climbed out and let the rest of the Greek army into the city to fight. Finally, the city of Troy was destroyed.



ZEUS

The most powerful of all the gods. God of the Sky and 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.



Key Vocabulary

Ancient	Something from a very long time ago.	Empire	A group of countries that is ruled by one ruler or country.
Athenian	People from the Greek city of Athens	Honour	To show respect and admiration for someone or something.
City state	A small area that ancient Greece was divided into which had its own government, laws and army.	Persian	People from the area of Persia.
Civilisation	The people, culture and way of life of a certain area.	Philosopher	Someone who studies the idea of right and wrong, the value of things and knowledge.
Democracy	A fair political system where adults vote for an elected government who then make decisions on how to run the country.	Spartans	People from the Greek city of Sparta.

HISTORY TIMELINE

