

# Ancient Greece: The Olympics

<p><b>Aim:</b> Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources e.g. Greek vases. Note connections, contrasts and trends over e.g. how the Olympics have changed over time but how some features have remained.</p> <p>I can learn about the past from sources including art.</p>	<p><b>Success Criteria:</b> I can tell you why pottery can give us information about the Ancient Greek Olympic Games.  I can explain how important the Ancient Games were to the modern Olympic Games and say what is the same and what has changed.  I can describe the modern day Olympic games.</p>	<p><b>Resources:</b> <a href="#">Lesson Pack</a></p>
	<p><b>Key/New Words:</b> sprint, wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus, chariot racing, pentathlon, pankration.</p>	<p><b>Preparation:</b> <a href="#">Photo Pack</a> per table. <a href="#">Comparing the Ancient and Modern Olympic Games Activity Sheet</a>. Glue and scissors as required.</p>

## Learning Sequence

	<p><b>London 2012:</b> Ask the children about the London Olympics 2012. What do they remember? What events can they remember? Discuss and share. <i>Can you describe the modern day Olympic Games?</i></p>	
	<p><b>Ancient Greek Olympics:</b> Explain how the Olympics started in Ancient Greece and was a huge event. The different states were often at war but there was always peace during the games as it was a religious event. <b>How does pottery help us find out what happened?</b> How do we know about these events? What is our evidence? Look at different paintings and pottery which show the events.</p>	
	<p><b>What event?</b> Children to look at Greek Vases in the <a href="#">Photo Pack</a> and try to work out what sport is depicted on each vase.</p>	
	<p><b>The Legacy:</b> <i>What events are still played at the Olympics today?</i> <i>What legacy has been left behind?</i> Children to list Ancient Greek Olympic events and Modern Olympic events.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="215 1272 585 1503">  <p><b>Comparing the Ancient and Modern Olympic Games Activity Sheet</b> children stick cut up events into Ancient / Modern / both Olympics on a venn diagram.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="614 1272 984 1469">  <p><b>Comparing the Ancient and Modern Olympic Games Activity Sheet;</b> children complete a venn diagram of ancient / modern / both events.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1013 1272 1383 1559">  <p><b>Comparing the Ancient and Modern Olympic Games Activity Sheet</b> children complete a venn diagram of ancient / modern / both events and include a description of each of the events in their diagram.</p> </div> </div>	
	<p><b>Guess the event!</b> Children to pose in an Olympic event stance (like the pots) and the rest of the class have to guess the event!</p>	

## Task it

**Play it:** Play the [Ancient Olympic Board Game](#).

**Make it:** Make Greek vases/pots out of clay and paint a scene showing one of the Olympic events.

**Link it:** Re-enact the Olympic Games in PE! Try out as many of the different events as you can. (But avoid wrestling and boxing!)