



Groovy Greeks!



Topic Week 1



The Ancient Olympic Games



When were the first Olympic Games?

The first known Olympic Games was recorded in around 776 BC in Olympia, Greece. They were celebrated until 396 AD.

What events took place in the Ancient Olympic Games?

The Ancient Olympic Games consisted of only one race, the "stade" race, which was the length of the stadium and between 180 and 240 metres long (we don't know for sure). Over the years more running races and other events were added, including boxing, wrestling, chariot racing, long jump, javelin and discus throwing.

Who took part in the Ancient Olympic Games?

Only young men could take part. They had to be free men, and speak Greek. They usually competed nude, and the prize was a crown of olive leaves (a sign of hope and peace).



The Modern Olympic Games



Who revived the idea of the Olympic Games?

A French nobleman, Pierre Fredy, the Baron de Coubertin, born in 1863. When he was young, Coubertin was a very keen sportsman. As he grew older he developed a passionate belief that sport could encourage peace throughout the world and bring people from all over the world together.

Coubertin was inspired by the ancient Olympic Games and travelled around the world, spending his own money, trying to persuade people to revive them. Eventually he managed to bring together representatives of many different countries in Paris, in 1894, and the Olympic Movement was begun.



Create a poster about the Olympics!



Use the Olympics facts website (or search facts yourself) and create a poster either electronically or drawn about the Olympics.



Include at least 5 facts (as well as pictures) that cover a range of interesting things about the Olympics.



It might be: the dates and cities that hosted the Olympics, different sports included, mascots, medal counts...




Be as creative as you want!




Take a picture/email to your teacher.


<https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/sports/summerolympics.html>




 Take part in your own Back Yard Olympics.

 Design 3 new Olympic sports.


 Get all your family to join in!

 Have a medal ceremony.


 Take photos of your Olympic event and send them to your teacher.


Indoor Olympics




or...  Take part in your own Indoor Olympics.

 Design 3 new Olympic sports.

 Get all your family to join in!

 Have a medal ceremony.

 Take photos of your Olympic event and send them to your teacher.