

## Alder Coppice Primary School — Knowledge Organiser

**Religious Education**

**Year: 4**

**Unit 2: Let's explore  
Egyptian and Greek  
Gods**

**Links to:** History - The Egyptians, Year 2 Unit 5 Who was Joseph?

### What I Should Already Know:

**Joseph** is an important figure in the Bible's Book of Genesis. He was Sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, he rose to become vizier, the second most powerful man in Egypt next to Pharaoh.

### Unit Specific Vocabulary:

#### Ancient Egyptian Gods

**Isis:** Isis was an important goddess with many roles. She helped the dead enter the afterlife, was the divine mother of the pharaohs and a protector of Egypt

**Pharaohs:** A Pharaoh was the most important and powerful person in Egypt. The Pharaoh was the political and religious leader of the Egyptian people. The people of Egypt considered the Pharaoh to be a half-man, half-god

**Tutankhamun:** Tutankhamun became pharaoh after the death of his father **Akhenaten**. Tutankhamun reigned for roughly 10 years. He died around the age of 18 and was buried in a tomb in the **Valley of the Kings**.

#### Ancient Greek Gods

**Zeus:** was most powerful of all the Gods. He was the God of the Sky and the King of Olympus.

**Poseidon:** was the God of the Sea. He was the most powerful god, except for his brother Zeus.

**Aphrodite:** was the goddess of love and beauty, and the protector of sailors.

**Hera:** Hera was queen of the gods and the wife of Zeus. She was the goddess of marriage and women.

**Ares:** Ares was the god of war. He represented the anger that many humans show when fighting in a battle.

**Artemis:** She was a Moon goddess, responsible for the movement of the Moon across the sky at night.

**Hermes:** Zeus youngest son. The other gods and goddesses trusted Hermes

### Subject Vocabulary:

**Ancient:** something existed a long time ago in the past, or that it is really old.

**City States:** A city-state is an independent city which has its own government, completely separate from nearby countries.

**Athens:** Greece's capital city is over 12,000 years. The god in charge of Athens was Athena, goddess of wisdom. The city of Athens was named after their special goddess.

**Myth:** is a story used to explain why things are the way they are in the world around us.

**Legend:** is a semi-true story, which has been passed down through generations and has important meaning and symbolism

### Skills & Enquiry:

#### Beliefs and Teachings

Explore how God is perceived in Ancient Egypt and Greece.

#### Values and Reflections

To explore how an appreciation of religion plays an important role in the lives of some people.

### What I should know by the end of the Unit

- The Ancient Greeks worshipped many gods and goddesses. Zeus was the king of the gods.
- The Ancient Greek people told many stories featuring their gods and goddesses. These are called myths and legends.
- For 3000 years, the people of ancient Egypt were ruled by pharaohs. Pharaohs were seen as living gods. There were more than 2000 gods in ancient Egypt. Most took human form but some had the heads of animals.