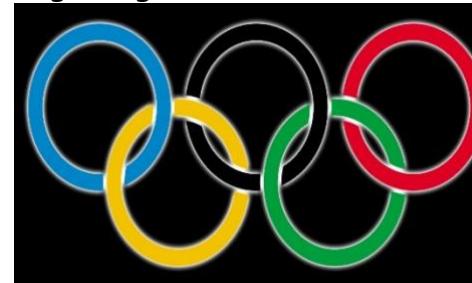


The Olympics

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Key Vocabulary	
Olympics	International sporting events featuring summer and winter sports competitions.
Paralympics	A periodic series of international multi-sport events involving athletes with a range of disabilities.
Marathon	Inspired by the legend of an Ancient Greek messenger who raced from the site of Marathon to Athens, a distance of about 40 km, or nearly 25 miles
Ancient	Belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence.
Continents	A large land mass separated from other land masses by oceans.
Nationality	The status of belonging to a particular nation (country).
Triathlon	An athletic contest consisting of three different events - <u>Find out which 3</u>
Heptathlon	An athletic event in which each competitor takes part in the same prescribed seven events.

Essential Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Olympics actually started in Ancient Greece. The different city states often fought but during the Olympics, peace was declared and everyone came together to enjoy the games. Held every four years, in honour of the Greek God Zeus. Since the 1904 Olympics, medals are awarded in each event, with gold medals for first place, silver for second and bronze for third. Greece, Australia, France, Great Britain and Switzerland are the only countries to have had representatives at every Summer Olympic Games. Due to the two World Wars there were no Olympic Games in 1916, 1940 or 1944. The 5 rings of the Olympic flag represent Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and the Americas, linked together in friendship. The Olympic flame is lit at Olympia in Greece every two years (Summer and Winter Olympics) before it journeys to the next host nation where it is paraded around until the lighting of the Olympic Cauldron at the opening ceremony.

Relevant Reads -
The Story of The Olympics by Minna Lacey
Women in Sport: Fifty Fearless Athletes who played to win by Rachael Ignatofsky

Useful Websites –

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39/articles/z36j7ty>

https://kids.kiddle.co/Olympic_Games

