

## Ancient Greeks

\*The Ancient Greeks had some strange superstitions about food- some wouldn't eat beans as they thought they contained the soul of the dead.

\*Events at the Greek's Olympics included wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus and chariot racing. But those taking part in the wrestling event had to be the toughest, as there were hardly any rules-and they had to complete naked. EEK!

\*Did you know the Greeks invented the theatre? They loved watching plays, and the most cities had a theatre- some big enough to hold 15,000 people! Only men and boys were allowed to be actors, and they wore masks, which showed the audience whether their character was happy or sad. Some masks had two sides. So the actor could turn them around to change the mood for each scene.

\*The cities- states were often at war. But just before the Olympics, a truce would be called so that everyone could travel to the Olympia safely.

