**The Modern Olympics**

The modern Olympics is the biggest sporting event in the world. People from all across the globe come to compete.  Every four years, athletes win gold, silver or bronze medals and represent their country. If you want to learn more about the Olympics then carry on reading.

**When were the modern Olympics first held**

Pierre de Coubertin of France was the founder of the Modern Olympics. The first ever modern Olympics were in 1896 and were held in Athens, Greece. This time, not just Greek men could compete; any person from any country could compete. The Olympics have happened every four years since, apart from when the 2nd world war began in 1939 and also in 2020 when Covid-19 virus happened.

Did you know?

There are different types of gymnastics which are Rhythmic gymnastics, Artistic gymnastics and Trampoline gymnastics.

**Who can take part in the Olympic Games**

It might be a dream come true for athletes to compete in the Olympics because they might have been training for it for many years. There are different types of Olympic Games like the Paralympics which is for people with disabilities. It does not matter if someone wins or loses; what really matters is taking part in it and trying their best.

**Sporting events in the Olympics**

In the winter Olympics, there are 15 sports. Most of the events in the winter Olympics are held on ice or snow. In the summer Olympics, there are 339 events including surfing, sport climbing, baseball and karate.

The summer and winter Olympics takes place every 4 years just like the old Greek Olympic games.

**Prizes**

In the first modern Olympics in 1896 in Athens, the winner was rewarded with an olive wreath. In 1904, they started to hand out a gold medal for first place, a silver medal for second place and a bronze medal for third place. The Olympic medals can mean a lot to people who win them.

The Olympics will continue across the globe and people will continue to compete.