



Subject: Geography

Year group: 5

Term: Spring

Unit name: Region in a European
Country Study: Mainland Greece

Specific Knowledge and skills (linked to the National Curriculum):

- Locate Greece as a country in Europe and know that Athens is the capital city.
- Know that Greece has a Mediterranean climate with cold, wet winters and hot, dry summers
- Be able to talk about the woodland biome in Greece with flowering shrubs and some small evergreen trees
- Know some of the physical features of Greece; large coastline on the Mediterranean sea; thousands of islands (including Crete) in the Aegean, Ionian and Mediterranean seas; longest river (Haliakmon – about 185 miles long); volcanoes and mountains including Mount Olympus
- Important human landmarks include the Acropolis in Athens
- Tourism and trading of natural resources including petroleum products and food (fresh fish, olive oil, tomato-based products and wine) are important for the economy
- Know that countries all over the world are divided into 24 time zones, based on longitude. The Prime or Greenwich Meridian is 0° longitude and runs through Greenwich, London

Key vocabulary:

Capital city, Europe, Athens, climate, Mediterranean, coastline, islands, Aegean, Ionian, volcano, Acropolis, tourism, trade, economy, resources

Prior Learning:

Children have studied continents and capital cities of the UK. They have researched areas with different climates eg China, polar regions, rainforests. They can name a range of human and physical geographical features and know some major landmarks from around the world.



Subject specific implementation:

Children will look at a wide range of photographs and videos to help them to understand the landscape.



Mount Olympus



The Acropolis of Athens, seen from the Hill of the Muses

Human geography

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| Population |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Population of around 10.8 million people •Fourteenth most populous country in Europe |
| Settlements |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Most populous and capital city of Greece is Athens •Athens has a population of over 3 million people •Other large settlements include Thessaloniki, Patra, Piraeus and Larisa. |
| Economic activity |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Greece is a part of the European Union and its currency is the Euro. •Greece has suffered many financial problems in recent years, and has had to be helped by other countries. •Tourism is a large source of income for Greece. |
| Resources and trade |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Many natural resources •Large trader of petroleum products •Greece exports high quantities of fresh fish, olive oil, tomato-based products and wine. |