



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**

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