



# Greece



Year Group: 4

Subject Focus: Geography

Term: Autumn 2

## Key facts

Greece is one of the most mountainous countries in Europe. The highest mountain is Mount Olympus at 2,917m.

Greece contains thousands of islands in the Aegean Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Ionian Sea. The largest island is Crete.

Greece has a warm and sunny climate. The temperature averages around 33°C in summer and 14° in winter.

Rainfall is heaviest in the northern mountains. Some islands receive very little yearly rain.

The longest river entirely in Greece is Haliacmon, which is about 185 miles long.

The population of Greece is around 10.8million. This makes it the fourteenth most populous country in Europe.

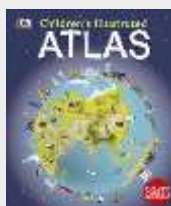
Greece has a long and rich history, and a culture which has developed over thousands of years from the time of the Ancient Greeks. The warm climate also makes it a popular holiday destination for people from across the world.

Greece is located in the south east of Europe. The capital and largest city of Greece is Athens. Greece borders a number of countries including Bulgaria and Turkey. It also has the longest Mediterranean coastline.



## Exciting books/ web links:

- [Facts all about Greece](#)



## Did you know?

- Greek is the official language spoken in Greece.
- Lake Trichonida is the largest lake in Greece. It is located north of the city of Patras.
- Greece is the third largest olive oil producer in the world - after Italy and Spain.

## Parents as partners:

- Can you research what foods come from Greece and try these?
- Design a brochure to encourage people to visit Greece.
- Using a few paper plates, design a multilayer masterpiece that depicts your place in the world. Each circle represents a different geographical location; planet, continent, country, city etc.



## Key words:

climate	The weather conditions in an area.
country	An area of land with its own government, rules and borders.
currency	A system of money in general use in a particular country.
Europe	Europe is a continent located entirely in the Northern Hemisphere.
geographical regions	A part of a country or the world having definable characteristics but not always fixed boundaries.
hemisphere	A half of the earth, usually divided by the equator into the northern and southern hemisphere
Ionian Sea	A bay of the Mediterranean Sea, all major islands in the sea, which are located in the East of the sea, belong to Greece.
island	An area of land surrounded by water.
landscape	A landscape is part of the Earth's surface – the visible features of an area of land.
tourism	The commercial organisation and operation of holidays and visits to places of interest.

## Comparison with the UK

Both countries are in Europe; the UK is in northern Europe and Greece is in southern Europe. Due to Greece being closer to the Equator, it is warmer than the UK. Significantly more people live in the UK - 66 million compared to 10.8 million. Greece has higher mountains than the UK. Mount Olympus is 2,917m and Ben Nevis in the UK is 1,345m.