



# Welton Primary School—Geography Knowledge Organiser



Year: 5

Greece




## What should I already know?

- Know at least five differences between living in the UK and a Mediterranean country (Y3)
- Know the names of and locate at least eight European countries (Y3)
- Know the names of and locate at least six cities in England (Y3)
- Use maps to locate European countries and capitals (Y3)

## Vocabulary

sea level	Average height of the ocean
features	A part or quality of something
landscape	Area of land, including land, plants, animals and human environments
population	The whole number of people living in a country, city, or area
industry	Businesses or factories that convert raw materials into goods or services
mountains	Landform that rises up more than 600 metres above ground
coastline	Where land meets the sea or ocean
earthquakes	A shaking, rolling or sudden shock of the earth's surface
compass	A tool for finding direction
symbol	Object or picture that represents something else
terrain	Characteristics of ground's surface
excursion	A brief trip for fun
contours	Outline of a figure, body, or surface

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

General Information	Human Features	Physical Features	Comparison with the UK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greece is a country in south-eastern Europe.</li> <li>• It borders a number of countries, including Albania, Turkey, Bulgaria and Macedonia.</li> <li>• It also has a large coastline on the Mediterranean Sea.</li> <li>• Greece covers an area of 131,957 sq. km. It is the 15<sup>th</sup> largest European country by area.</li> <li>• About 10.8 million people live in Greece. The capital city is Athens.</li> <li>• Greece has around 6,000 islands, although only around 227 of these are inhabited.</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The population of Greece is around 10.8 million people. This makes it the fourteenth most populous country in Europe. The population density is 82 people per square kilometre. This is the 30<sup>th</sup> highest population density in Europe.</li> <li>• The most populous and capital city of Greece is Athens. It has a population of over 3 million people. Other large settlements include Thessaloniki, Patra, Piraeus and Larisa.</li> <li>• Tourism is a large source of income for Greece.</li> <li>• Greece has many natural resources, and are a large trader of petroleum products. In terms of food, Greece exports high quantities of fresh fish, olive oil, tomato-based products and wine.</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greece is one of the most mountainous countries in Europe. The northern mainland region is the most mountainous. The highest peak is Mt Olympus, which is 2,917m high.</li> <li>• Greece also contains thousands of islands in the Aegan, Ionian and Mediterranean Seas. The largest island is Crete.</li> <li>• Greece has a warm and sunny climate. The temperature averages around 33°C in summer and 14°C in winter.</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both countries are in Europe: the UK is in northern Europe &amp; Greece is in southern Europe.</li> <li>• Due to it being closer to the Equator, Greece is warmer than the UK. On average, Athens is 9°C hotter than London.</li> <li>• Greece is smaller than the UK - 131,957 sq. km compared to 243,610sq km.</li> <li>• Significantly more people live in the UK - 66 million compared to 10.8 million.</li> <li>• London has a much larger population than Athens - 8.4 million compared to 3.1 million.</li> <li>• Greece has higher mountains than the UK. Mt. Olympus is 2.917m high. The highest in the UK is Ben Nevis, at 1,345m.</li> <li>• Greece is made up of many more islands than the UK. It has a much longer coastline.</li> </ul>

Europe is a continent located entirely in the northern hemisphere, and mostly in the eastern hemisphere.

- Despite being the 2<sup>nd</sup> smallest continent by area (covering 10.2 million km<sup>2</sup>) it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> most populous continent in the world - with a population of about 743 million people (about 10% of the world's population).
- Europe largely rests on the same landmass as Asia, separated by the Ural Mountains and the Caspian Sea.
- The European climate is affected by warm Atlantic currents.



There are 46 countries in Europe, although 2 are only partially in Europe (most of Russia and Turkey are in Asia).

### Most populous European countries

Russia - 109 million  
Germany - 83 million  
France - 67 million  
UK - 66 million  
Italy - 60 million

### Largest European countries

Russia - 3.9 million km<sup>2</sup>  
Ukraine - 603,628 km<sup>2</sup>  
France - 551,695 km<sup>2</sup>  
Spain - 498,468 km<sup>2</sup>  
Sweden - 450,295 km<sup>2</sup>

### Physical Geography Features

The Danube  
The Giant's Causeway  
The Black Forest  
Aurora Borealis  
The Alps

### Human Geography Features

The Eiffel Tower  
Stone Henge  
Berlin Wall  
The Colosseum  
Dubrovnik

