CBS Knowledge Organiser

Year: 4

Topic: Greece

What I already know:

- Where Greece is located
- The history of Greece
- Mountains and Volcanoes and how to locate on a map

New Knowledge/Facts

Greece is a country in south-eastern Europe. It borders a number of countries, including Albania, Turkey, Bulgaria and Macedonia. It also has a large coastline on the Mediterranean Sea. Greece covers an area of 131,957 sq. km. It is the 15th largest European country by area. About 10.8 million people live in Greece. The capital city is Athens. Greece has around 6,000 islands, although only around 227 of these are habited

Comparison with the UK.

Both countries are in Europe: the UK is in northern Europe & Greece in southern Europe. -Due to its more southerly position (closer to the Equator) Greece is warmer than the UK. On average, Athens is 9°C hotter than London.
Greece is smaller than the UK – 131,957 sq. km compared to 243,610sq km.
Significantly more people live in the UK – 66 million compared to 10.8 million.
London has a much larger population than Athens: 8.4 million compared to 3.1 million. -Greece has higher mountains than the UK. Mt. Olympus is 2.917m high. The highest in the UK is Ben Nevis, at 1,345m.
Greece is made up of many more islands than the UK. It has a much longer coastline.

Overview of unit

The children will be using an atlas to locate Greece and in which hemisphere it is found. The children will then explore and discuss its climate zones and its physical features. We will then discuss how tourism can impact economy and they will be researching tourist attractions and making a leaflet to share their findings.







Physical Geography

Greece is one of the most mountainous countries in Europe. The highest peak is Mt Olympus, which is 2,917m high. Greece also contains thousands of islands in the Aegan, Ionian and Mediterranean Seas. The largest island is Crete. The temperature averages around 33°C in summer and 14°C in winter. Rainfall is heaviest in the northern mountains. The longest river entirely in Greece is Haliakmon, which is about 185 miles long. There are many volcanoes. The most famous are those of Santorini, Kos, Milos and Nisyros. Lakes of a large size include Trichonis, Vegoritis and Volvi.

Key Vocab

Word	Definition
Population	all the inhabitants of a particular place.
Physical geography	The branch of geography dealing with natural features.
Climate zones	a world area or region distinguished from a neighbor by a major physical climatic characteristic that is of global scale.
Hemisphere	a half of the earth, usually as divided into northern and southern halves by the equator, or into western and eastern halves by an imaginary line passing through the poles.
Economy	the state of a country or region in terms of the production and consumption of goods and services and the supply of money.
Tourism	the commercial organization and operation of holidays and visits to places of interest.



