

Ancient Greece

Study Area	Key Questions	Points to note / Points for Coverage
Physical Geography	Where is Greece? Why is there a mainland and islands? What are the geographical features of Greece? What is the climate of Greece and why is this important? What similarities / differences are there between Greece and England	<i>This should develop children's use of maps and keys as well as increasing their geographical and 'place' awareness. There should be significant focus upon understanding where Greece is in relation to England (and any other countries that are significant to the children or have already been studied) and some comparison about the landscapes and climates of each country (Google Earth is an excellent way to support this) and why / how their geographical position impacts upon these.</i>
Chronological Knowledge	When was the period of Ancient Greece? How long do this period of history last? What was happening in Britain / England at this time?	<i>Children's chronological knowledge and awareness is known to not be taught particularly well. An understanding of time periods and durations is crucial to this. Comparisons to what was happening in Great Britain at that time can be made to ensure an understanding of national and international chronology is developed.</i>
City States <i>(This section has clear links to the 'Settlements' section below and sessions in this area will more than likely be interwoven)</i>	What is a city? What is meant by a city state? What was the effect of city states upon the people of that time? What were the significant similarities and differences between the states? Why did the states fight? Who was victorious and why? How do the city states relate to modern life?	<i>Children should be aware that Ancient Greece was divided into many city states and develop an overview of why and how this was the case. The focus should then move to the two main city states of Sparta and Athens. The children should study the states and develop an understanding of the rules of each and be able to use this knowledge to make comparisons (both between the states and modern life) and develop explanations. The children should understand the importance of the Peloponnesian War and the significance of this to the time period of Ancient Greece</i>
The Settlements	Where did people settle? Why did people settle there? Who lived in the settlements? What were their lives like? What did the settlements look like? Why?	<i>This should be a key factor in all history / geography based topics to allow children to again make comparisons between both past and present and different past and ancient civilisations. This aspects of the topic is where children can learn about the hierarchical society, religion and education but the main focus should be about understanding why civilisation was as it was.</i>
Modern day Greece	What does Greece look like now? What is Greece famous for? Why do people visit Greece?	<i>A key point in this section would be the importance of the tourism industry to the country. However, the recognition must be made of the different tourists they attract (ie holiday makers, historical tourists etc)</i>
The Legacy of Ancient Greece	What key inventions will Ancient Greece be remembered for? What have we learned from the people and settlements of Ancient Greece?	<i>It is essential that children understand that ancient civilisations and settlements have had huge impact upon the way we live our lives today. This should again be a feature of every geography / history topic throughout school. The significance of Ancient Greece to modern day life is huge. The major impact in our lives today are in the arts, in philosophy, and in science, math, literature and politics.</i>