



Year 6 Homework – Friday 4th November 2022

Ancient Greek Writing

The Ancient Greeks used a different alphabet to the one we know and use.

? Why do you think a list of letters and sounds is called an "alphabet"? ?

Ancient Greek Alphabet

Upper-Case Letter	Lower-Case Letter	Name of Letter	How It Is Pronounced	Upper-Case Letter	Lower-Case Letter	Name of Letter	How It Is Pronounced
Α	α	alpha	'Ah' as in 'father'.	Ν	ν	nu	'N' as in 'not'.
Β	β	beta	'B' as in 'boat'.	Ξ	ξ	xi	'X' as in 'box'.
Γ	γ	gamma	'G' as in 'get'.	Ο	ο	omicron	Long 'o' as in 'only'.
Δ	δ	delta	'D' as in 'dog'.	Π	π	pi	Soft 'p' as in 'spot'.
Ε	ε	epsilon	Short 'e' as in 'yes'.	Ρ	ρ	rho	Rolled 'r' as in Scottish or Spanish words.
Ζ	ζ	zeta	'Z' as in 'zoo'.	Σ	σ	sigma	Soft 's' as in 'sand'.
Η	η	eta	Long 'e' as in 'air'.	Τ	τ	tau	'T' as in 'table'.
Θ	θ	theta	Soft 'th' as in 'thin'.	Υ	υ	upsilon	Long 'u' as in 'Bruce'.
Ι	ι	iota	Short 'i' as in 'it' or long 'ee' as in 'feet'.	Φ	φ	phi	'P' as in pot.
Κ	κ	kappa	'K' as in 'kite'.	Χ	χ	chi	'k' as in 'kit'.
Λ	λ	lambda	'L' as in 'lot'.	Ψ	ψ	psi	'Ps' as in 'pips'.
Μ	μ	mu	'M' as in 'mat'.	Ω	ω	omega	'Or' as in 'for'.

Task 1

Can you write your name using Greek letters?

Remember to consider the "sound" or phoneme represented by each symbol to get as close as possible to the pronunciation of your name!

Task 2

Can you use the alphabet to "decode" the names of these Gods and Mythical creatures?

1. Αρτεμιζ

2. Αρηζ

3. Ζευζ

4. Ποσειδων

5. Μεδουσα

6. Ερμηζ

7. Απολλων

8. Γοργων



Task 3

Using the internet or any other sources you can find, choose ONE of these Greek characters and find out 10 amazing facts about them!