

Dear Parents and carers,

I am delighted to tell you that as part of our new topic on the ancient Greeks, we have Portals to the Past coming to run workshops for all Year 5 and 6 forms on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022. The day will provide the children with a real insight into the ancient Greeks and will bring their learning to life!

The workshops will be led by Dan Shadrake who has been part of the acting team on Horrible Histories for the BBC. Dan will bring different Greek myths alive with artefacts and costumes for the year 6 children. This will also enhance and support their learning on Greek mythology in English. With Year 5, he will look at different Greek ages, battles and the armour worn.

To enable pupils to fully immerse themselves in the experience, they are welcome to come to school dressed as Greeks for the day. Please see the attached information for suggestions on possible ways to dress; costumes can be created by using old adult t-shirts and sheets which will hopefully minimise any expense. We will also be talking to the children in school about what kind of costumes they could wear. **This is not compulsory.**

We will be offering students a chance to come in non-school uniform to help raise funds for this day and they will be asked to contribute £2 via School Gateway. If they are willing to take on the toga challenge and dress up with a bed sheet they can contribute £1!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Hayley Hill  
*Head of KS2 Humanities*



*Dan wearing his Greek armour, filming with the actors on Horrible Histories.*

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## GREEK BOY'S CLOTHES



An ex- large white adult T shirt will make a good tunic.  
Tie it round the middle with good cord.

## HOW TO DRESS AS A WARRIOR



To make warrior body armour, you can use cloth or cardboard.  
Remember you have to be comfortable and be able to sit down  
while wearing your armour.



A good starting point is football shin pads. Secure your Greek  
greaves to them. You can make them from cardboard and tied  
around the back of your legs as well.

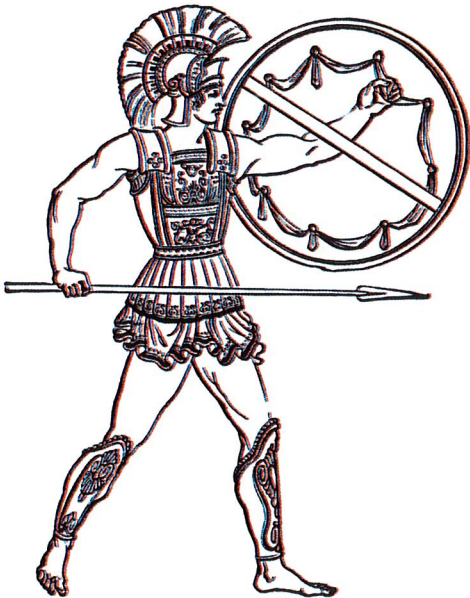


## GREEK SHIELDS



You will need a **LARGE** Circle of thick, strong cardboard. 2 long strips of strong cardboard. Long split pins. Make sure you cover the ends of the split pins with plaster or sticky tape.

Paint your shield.  
You can see some ideas at the top of the page.



Secure one of the long pieces of card across the middle of the back of your shield.

Place the other long piece of card where you can see the warrior's hand.

This is how you will hold your shield, so make sure these two pieces of card are securely fixed!

## HELMETS, SWORDS AND SPEARS



You need to make a framework of strips of card that fit your head, or start with a baseball cap wearing it backwards.

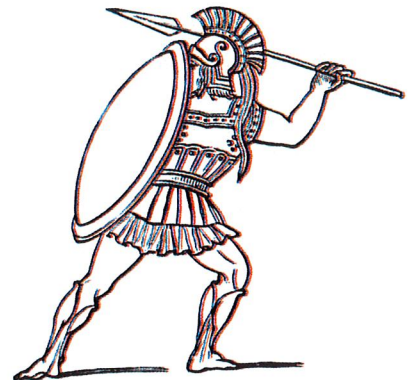
Cover your cardboard framework with light card. To make the face mask, cut from one piece of light card and attach to the frame work or cap.

**REMEMBER**, that you have to be able to see out the eyeholes. Spray gold.

If you want a sword, make it from cardboard, **no hard plastic swords or wooden swords will be allowed**. You can get **good soft foam swords** from supermarkets and toyshops. Greek swords were quite short, so you will need to cut them down.

If you want a spear, make it from cardboard too. Make sure the spear point is blunt and safe.

Any weapons that do not meet the workshop leader's safety standards will be confiscated.



Come as a Greek God or Goddess. You will have to do some research and use your imagination.  
See if anyone can guess who you are.

## DRESSING AS ANCIENT GREEK GIRLS



All Greek clothes were made from large rectangles of cloth with a minimum amount of sewing. They can be made from old sheets of any colour. Greeks used linen and woolen cloth to make their clothes. Please remember it gets cold in Ancient Greece, just as it does in Britain, dress to keep warm! Wear an under dress or adult size white T shirt under your peplos or Chiton. Wear Greek style jewelry.

This is a PEPLOS

