The Ancient Greek Alphabet.

The Ancient Greeks had their own alphabet. Many of the letters may look familiar to you as modern English uses several similar letter formations, but the sound and names are different. On the next page is a Greek Alphabet and the English equivalents. Not all English letters are in the Greek alphabet so we have included a rough guide after the Greek alphabet for what letter to use if the letter you need to use is missing.

Your task is to create a message about Ancient Greece written using the Ancient Greek Alphabet. (You do not have to write huge amounts, a good sentence is enough.)

You can choose to write about anything we have been studying in Ancient Greece using the previous resources that have been sent home. You can of course write more than just one sentence or message.

Can you find someone to try and translate your writing?

Examples:

In Ancient Greece boys went to school at seven and girls stayed at home to learn how to cook and clean.

The Spartans were a warrior race and everyone learnt to fight.

The Ancient Greeks went into battle wearing shields that were decorated with pictures and symbols.

Challenge Task

There is a challenge task at the end.

Bonus challenge

Can you write your name in Greek letters. You can then decorate this, perhaps using bubble writing and put this up in your bedroom.
The Greek letters are shown first as a capital and then as a lower case letter.

MISSING LETTERS AND WHAT TO USE INSTEAD

C = K (KAPPA)
F = PH (PHI)
H = TH (THETA)
J = G (GAMMA)
Q = \( \delta \) (OMEGA)
V = U (UPSILON)
W = U (UPSILON)
Challenge Task
Use the alphabet above to translate either of the following poems into Ancient Greek.

At the end you can decorate your poem with Greek patterns or pictures. Included on the home learning page is a template you can use for your poem. There are two for you to choose from. Portrait or landscape.

City States
The Ancient Greek cities
Were all quite separate.
Athens, Thebes, and Sparta -
Each was a different state.
These city states sometimes
Decided to unite,
Like the time when Persia
Came to pick a fight.

Democracy
Athens was the birthplace
Of democracy.
They had a vote to choose
Who their leader would be.
Pericles was the most
Popular bar none.
He was elected fifteen times
And built the Parthenon.