Making an Ostrakon

Equipment:

- Fragments of broken terracotta plant pots or air-drying clay
- Rolling pins
- Cutting tools
- Paintbrushes
- Black poster paint
- Paperclips
- Worksheet: Designing an Ostrakon



Instructions:

- If using air-drying clay, divide it into balls and roll out to a thickness of around 1cm.
- Cut out a fragment shape, roughly 8cm square, and leave it to dry.
- Using a paintbrush apply one coat of black poster paint.
 Allow it to dry. Apply a second coat. Allow it to dry thoroughly.
- Using the end of a straightened paperclip, scratch out a name using the Greek alphabet.

The word alphabet comes from the first two Greek letters alpha and beta.

Α	alpha	a
В	beta	b
Г	gamma	g, n
Δ	delta	d
Е	epsilon	е
Z	zeta	z, dz
H	eta	ē
Θ	theta	th
I	iota	i
K	kappa	k
Λ	lambda	1
M	mu	m
N	nu	n
Ξ	xi (ksee)	х
0	omicron	О
П	pi	p
P	rho	r, rh
Σ	sigma	S
T	tau	t
Y	upsilon	u, y
Φ	phi	ph
X	chi	ch
Ψ	psi	ps
Ω	omega	ō



