

## Upper 2: Phalanx a lot!



For Upper 2, the gap between the Den and Youngers became the pass at Thermopylae and was defended similarly stoutly, albeit with fewer casualties and less impact on the course of western history.

We had been learning about the importance of the phalanx to Ancient Greek military successes and the children put their learning into practice by forming their own.

Through teamwork, iron discipline, dogged spear work and just a little bit of cold-eyed ruthlessness, the Greeks routed the Persians each time and drove them back into the sea (grassy bit near the PAC) whence they came!

As well as enjoying themselves famously, the children came away with an appreciation of ancient tactics that is only really achievable through practical experience, able to discuss afterwards how and why the phalanx gave the Greeks the advantage on the battlefield.

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