

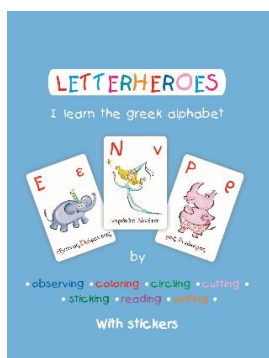
Start learning Greek with **Letterheroes** and **Mikros Asterias!**

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Greek for kids aged 4 - 6/7

Steps 1 & 2

Material

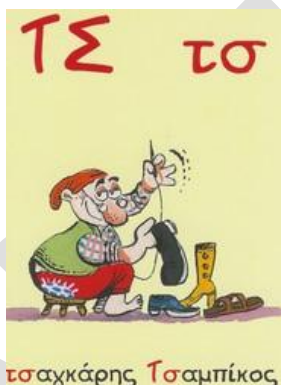
Coursebook: **Letterheroes** (with its accompanying posters and songs)



Coursebook



38 small posters



YouTube NEOHEL Playlist: Letterheroes
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=neohel+Letterheroes

38 songs on YouTube

Learning outcomes

Kids:

- learn the **letters**
(α, β, γ, δ, ε, ζ, η, θ, ι, κ, λ, μ, ν, ξ, ο, π, ρ, σ, τα, υ, φ, χ, ψ, ω)
- learn the **letter combinations**
(αι, ει, οι, ου, αυ, ευ, μπ, ντ, γκ, γγ, τζ, τσ)

through: coloring, circling, cutting letters, forming words, matching the Letterheroes with their names, using stickers

- learn correct **pronunciation**

through: singing the 38 songs of the Letterheroes

- learn new **vocabulary**

through: the Letterheroes' stories presented in the songs

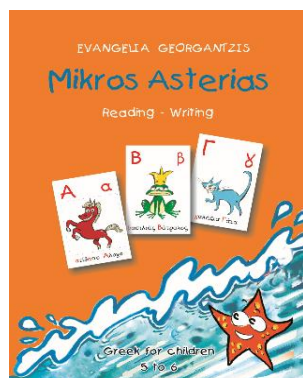
(see below the example of **The Light Blue Cat song**) - Το τραγούδι της **Γαλάζιας γάτας**

Η Γάτα η γαλάζια
αρχίζει από Γάμα
έχει το χρώμα τα' ουρανού
σα θάλασσα γαλάζια
Γι, γι, γε, γι φωνάζει απ' τη σκεπή
Γι, γι, γε, γι είν' όμορφη η ζωή!

Steps 3 & 4

Material

Course book: **Mikros Asterias** (with two companions and songs)



My first Reading/Writing
Book
Mikros Asterias



ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΑ ΓΕΩΡΓΑΝΤΖΙ
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Two companion books
Coloring sentences!

YouTube
NEOHEL
Playlist:
Letterheroes

38 songs
(repeated)

Learning Outcomes

Kids:

- **learn to read and write**

through: **circling**, **matching** small and capital letters/syllables/words & pictures, **cutting** words into syllables, **connecting** syllables to **form** words and phrases, **copying** words and phrases, **coloring** letters, **breaking down** words into syllables and coloring them differently, **reading** syllables/words/phrases and short paragraphs or stories, **writing** their names, etc.

- **learn to communicate in Greek**

through: **52 communication objectives** (What's your name? Where are you from? Where do you live? Where are you going? How can I get to...? What are you eating? What are you wearing? What do you see...? What's his/her job? Do you like...? Do you love your granny? What are you playing? Who with? When...? How...? Where...? What's the day today? Etc.

- **learn basic vocabulary**

Vocabulary Topics: names - body parts - clothes - classroom objects - colors - family members - nature - house and furniture - jobs - numbers - animals - countries nationalities - transportation - food - fruit and vegetables - days of the week

- **comprehend the stories of the Letterheroes through the songs, which they now learn to sing**

Supplementary Material

Story Books:

- Ta Katorthomata tis Galazias Gatas (The Deeds of the Light Blue Cat)



A short book with 4 stories, wonderful illustration, role play, and all the new vocabulary translated in English. This book is supplemented with extra activities (comprehension questions, coloring, word games, word-picture matching, jigsaw sentences, etc.). In this way, students practice reading, answer comprehension questions, act out short dialogues, and so much more!

- Ellinika Ethima kai Yiortes (Hellenic Customs and Celebrations)



- Βρήκα το φλουρί!

A book with simple readings, great pictures and a variety of activities. Our little readers learn about Greek customs and celebrations, in an order that follows the school calendar. This book comes with a companion with the new words translated in English and extra details.

End of Material Introduction

Material Organization Plan

Steps	Coursebook	Companions/Extra material	Hours	Words	Communication Objectives
Pre-school ages: 4-6 years					
1° ages: 4-5	Letterheroes all 24 letters (α - ω)	-Songs- -Posters- -Short dialogues for oral practice from T's handbook-	30-40	300-350	Approx. 30
2° ages:5-6	Letterheroes 14 letter combinations ((αι,οι,ει,ου, μπ,ντ,γκ,γγ,τζ,τσ αυ(=αβ),αυ(=αφ) ευ(=εβ),ευ(=εφ)	-Songs- -Posters- -Short dialogues for oral practice from T's handbook-	30-40	200-250	Approx. 20
School ages: 6-7 years					
3° ages: 6-7	Mikros Asterias (pages: 1-95) Learn to read, write, communicate	-Coloring book (volume 1) -CD with songs	30-40	350	Approx. 35
4° ages: 7-8	Mikros Asterias (pages: 96-116) Learn to read, write, communicate	-Coloring book (volume 2) -CD with songs + new vocabulary from the 2 supplementary story books	30-40	350	Approx. 20

To Teachers and Parents

- **Teach** the kids Greek by introducing them to the world of the Letterheroes.
- **Sing, play, have fun, speak, read with them.**

Learning Greek should be a fun time, with games and songs within a context of an organised and concrete methodology with a beginning, a middle and an end.

Once the kids complete the **Mikros Asterias** series, they can start the full series of **Asterias (4 levels)**.

After the 3rd level (**Asterias 3**), the kids should be ready for the **A1 level of the Certificate of Attainment in Greek (Πιστοποιητικό Ελληνομάθειας)** examination of the Center for the Greek Language..

If you found this introduction to **Mikros Asterias** series helpful, contact us for an introduction to the **Asterias** series too.

Always at your service