



PLUNGE INTO LEARNING

Greetings, young philosophers! I'm Platopus, the wise platypus, waddling through ancient Greece on my way to **Plato's Academy**.

At **Plato's Academy**, students don't just memorize facts. They ask big questions, share ideas, and learn by thinking together. Just as I gather mud and water to build my burrow, you can gather books and curiosity to build your mind. Have a wonderful school year filled with discovery and learning!

PLATO FOUNDED
THE ACADEMY
IN ATHENS
AROUND 387 BC

MAKE A SPLASH

Ancient Greeks used water jugs called **hydriai** to tell stories through art. Draw your own scene on this hydria – perhaps a Greek hero, a mythical creature, or a moment from your own life. Let your imagination **flow**!

Platypuses have amazing powers that are a bit like gods in Greek mythology!

Like **Poseidon**, the god of the sea, platypuses are great swimmers. Their webbed feet and flat tails help them glide through the water. 

Like **Zeus**, the god of lightning, platypuses can sense tiny electric signals. Their special bill helps them find food under the water, even when they can't see or hear anything. 

GREEK TO ME

The name Platypus comes from the Greek words **platys** (meaning flat or broad) and **pous** (meaning foot).

DID YOU KNOW? A **meander** or **meandros** is the name of a decorative border constructed from a continuous line, shaped into a repeated motif symbolizing infinity and the eternal flow of life.