

# All about Persephone 🌿



*stone carving of Persephone  
with Hades*

Persephone, Queen of the Underworld, was married to Hades, King of the Underworld. Persephone's mother Demeter was not at all happy about this marriage and missed her daughter, so she asked Zeus, king of the gods, to help find a solution. So for one half of the year, Persephone had to bravely put up with living in the underworld, but every spring and summer she returned joyfully to her mother, and brought the world back to life again with her radiant presence.

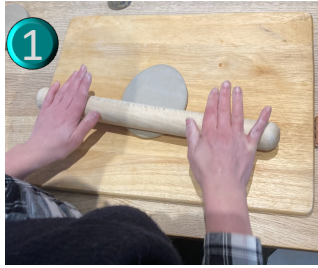


*Demeter welcomes Persephone  
back to earth*

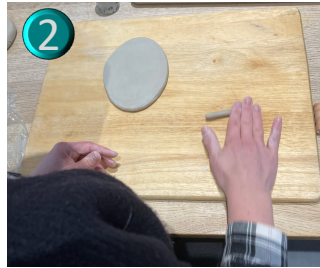


This Ancient Greeks used this myth to explain the changing of the seasons. Autumn and winter are when Persephone leaves the earth for the Underworld and all of nature dies back. Spring and summer, when trees come into leaf and crops regrow, are when she returns.

# 🌸😊 Joyful Persephone dish 😊🌸



Roll out a ball of clay into an oval about 10cm high, 7cm wide and 1cm thick.



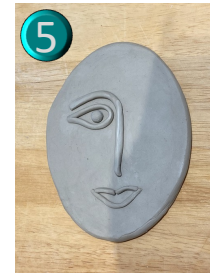
Roll a clay 'sausage' about 0.5cm thick



Press the 'sausage' gently onto the oval to make the outline of an eyebrow and nose.



Roll another 'sausage' and use it to make the outline of an eye.



Add a ball to the centre of the eye to make a pupil, then use another clay 'sausage' to make the shape of a smiling mouth.



Using a piece of string, measure around the circumference of the oval. Cut the string.



Roll out a clay 'sausage' about 2cm thick and as long as your piece of string.



Wet the outside edge of your oval with water or slip.



Press the thick 'sausage' around the outside of the clay face.



Blend the thick 'sausage' edge of the dish into the side of the face.



Using the flower stampers, decorate the edge of the dish.

