WHAT WAS NEW IN GREEK MEDICINE AND WHAT STAYED THE SAME?

**Instructions**

Read through the following list of things we have learned about in Ancient Greece. Draw up two column in your exercise book, one called continuity and the other called change and put each idea or treatment into the correct column. You need to ask yourself if the idea/treatment was used in Ancient Egypt or in prehistoric times.

There was a god of healing
They had temples of healing
Some people were priests and doctors
Exercise was seen as important
You should watch what you eat
Get enough sleep and rest
The body was made up of 4 humours
Greek doctors carefully observed the symptoms of their patients
Medical knowledge was recorded in writing
Greek doctors could predict what would happen next with some illnesses
People were encouraged to keep clean
Doctors would often bleed their patients or make them sick
Herbs and plants were used for making medicines
The weather could affect your health
Greek people were encouraged to clean their teeth with peppermint
Doctors could set broken bones
Minor surgery outside the body could be carried out
Surgeons could drain the lungs of patients with pneumonia
Dissection was not allowed
Wine and vinegar was used to treat cuts and wounds
Some people believed that the nerves carried a pneuma or life force
They knew the difference between arteries and veins
Charms and prayers were used
Surgical tools were made out of metals such as copper and steel
They brought back medical ideas from trading with other countries
Some eye problems could be treated
Some people were trained as specialist doctors
Poor people would not be able to get any proper medical care