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PRIMARY SCHOOLS

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE CLASSICS FOR ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS OCTOBER NEWSLETTER!

I hope you have had a good start to the new school year and the term is going well! If you would like to be featured in the Newsletter at any point, please do get in touch via cfaschoolsupport@classicsforall.org.uk and let me know what you would like me to share with others! We love to hear quotes from children too!

SCHOOL OF THE MONTH! FOREST FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, NOTTINGHAM



Forest Fields Primary School is located in an area of socio-economic disadvantage in the city of Nottingham, with around 40 different languages spoken by its pupils. Sanna Menzano has developed her own teaching career by leading her colleagues to immerse themselves in teaching the ancient world, from a lunchtime Latin club for Year 5 in 2017 to rolling out a whole-school programme for Word Roots last year. The school was one of the first to trial the Vocabulous Word Roots programme and has integrated this across the school into their fortnightly grammar lessons. As well as ancient languages, Forest Fields' pupils have been enriched by the study of Greek mythology, evident from their enthusiastic response to this theme for World Book Day and the story-telling session on the Birth of the Gods delivered with support from CfA by Katy Cawkwell. Sanna continues to seek out new opportunities to engage all Forest Fields pupils with opportunities to learn about the ancient world and its languages, and has encouraged teachers in other schools to follow suit. Many congratulations to Sanna and the team at Forest Fields for their excellent work!

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CLASSICS FOR ALL UPCOMING CPD

PRIMARY LATIN LEADS CPD SESSION

26th November 2025, 4-5pm, Online

(Please note that this is different to the date originally circulated)

Our next Primary Latin Leads Session will be held on Wednesday 26th November, online, 4-5pm. This is a session for Primary Latin Leads, led by Primary Latin Leads in schools like yours!

There will be a range of short presentations on various aspects relating to being a Latin Lead, such as:

- Student Voice for Latin
- General Discussion
- Word Roots Support - Materials and Training
- Reminder of CfA support available - how to apply for support from us

For more information, and for the form to register for the CPD session, please see [this poster](#).

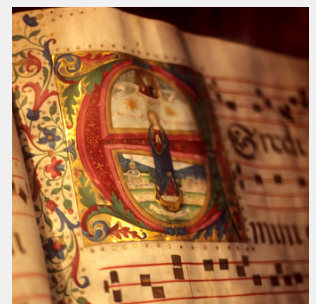


WORD ROOT OF THE MONTH:

Where does our word “Miniature” come from?

I learnt this one recently and was surprised to learn its root! It is not, as I had thought, from “minimus”, meaning “very little”! In Italian, “miniatura” was a form of painting, particularly small paintings, from which we get our word “miniature”. It ultimately comes from the Latin word “minium” (red lead), which was used to make a red ink for illuminating manuscripts!

(From the game “League of the Lexicon, Junior Edition”)



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OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS HADRIAN'S WALL VIRTUAL FOCUS DAYS 25th to 27th November 2025 - ONLINE, FREE



In exciting news, Classics for All North will be working with the Great North Museum's Hadrian's Wall Virtual Focus Days, from Tuesday 25th November to Thursday 27th November. The days are for KS2 students in school or home settings, and are free to attend; students can attend all sessions if they'd like (if bookings still allow), or pick and choose which ones they are most interested in.

Classics for All North will be presenting a session about Word Roots along the wall - how can learning about Hadrian's Wall and the military help our understanding of complex English words? In this interactive, online session, we will explore five different word roots which will help your students learn to unlock more complex, higher tier vocabulary. Plenary materials will be provided for further word roots engagement.

All details of the sessions and how to register can be found [here](https://www.classicsforall.org.uk).

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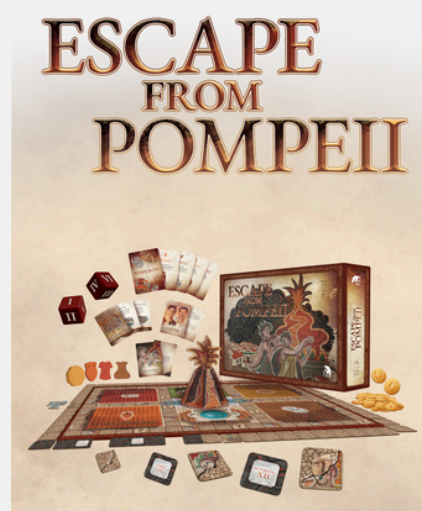
CLASSICS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



ESCAPE FROM POMPEII: BOARD GAME FREE GIVE AWAY



We have been offered 51 FREE copies of the board game, Escape from Pompeii, to give away to Classics for All schools. The game is for ages 8+, so is suitable for Primary and Secondary Schools. In order to claim a free copy of the game, please complete this Case Study Form, and the first 51 schools to do this will be sent a free copy of the game. Deadline to apply is 1st December 2025!



FINALLY...

Don't forget, if you would like top-up training and any other support, please get in touch with your local Network Coordinator and us, via cfaschoolsupport@classicsforall.org.uk.

Thank you for all your enthusiastic work in bringing Classics to your schools!

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