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APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE CLASSICS FOR ALL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER!

We will be sharing Classics for All News and Events with you, as well as showcasing a school each time. If any of the children in your school have any feedback about why they enjoy Latin, please share it with your local Coordinator or email us at grants@classicsforall.org.uk with your quotes.



PRIMARY SCHOOL OF THE MONTH: STANLEY ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL, OLDHAM

Starting in 2019, and undeterred by the pandemic, Stanley Road Primary School has trained 4 teachers to deliver Latin to all KS2 pupils at the school using the Minimus course. And it has been a great success! The pupils are engaged and enthusiastic about Latin, the teachers enjoy teaching the subject and find the help, support and training provided by Classics for All to be of great value. The school is also very active in promoting Latin to other schools in the local area, as well as online, with pupils and teachers alike acting as ambassadors for Latin. Huge congratulations to Deputy Headteacher, Andrew Percival, and Latin Lead, Jess Rennie!

“I like Latin a lot as it is key to English vocabulary and the Minimus textbook teaches it in a fun and entertaining way, using real archeological finds to enhance the experience.”

'I love Latin because we can learn about the Romans without the need for translation. Once we know Latin, we can use THEIR OWN language to study their history. Latin is 1000/10 for me.'

Year 6 pupils, Stanley Road Primary School”

FREE MINIMUS RESOURCES

REMINDER: If you aren't already using them, don't forget the supplementary Minimus Resources designed to help with the teaching of Minimus. There are PowerPoint Presentations to accompany a Scheme of Work (also included), audiofiles of the stories, links to resources created by the Primary Latin Project, and much more. If you have any questions about the resources please get in touch with anna@classicsforall.org.uk. **COMING SOON:** Assessments for the end of each chapter of Book 1 and Book 2!! To access the resources click on the link to the right. You will need to scroll down and complete the short form. Once you have the password you can access the actual resources [here](#).



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CLASSICS FOR ALL SUPPORT FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

ONLINE CPD FOR PRIMARY LATIN LEADS

Save the Date: Wednesday 19th June 2024, 4-5pm

We will be running a CPD for Primary Latin Leads, which will be lead by Latin Leads in Classics for All schools, and will look at a range of aspects such as progression, how to support your colleagues in the school to deliver the Latin, how to promote the subject beyond Latin lessons, and much more. One Latin Lead will be sharing his school's experience of an Ofsted Latin Deep Dive that happened recently. We will also aim to provide opportunities to discuss in smaller break out rooms, so you can share best practice with each other and ask each other for ideas and advice. If you have any particular requests for this session please email anna@classicsforall.org.uk. Also, if you would like to lead an aspect of the CPD please get in touch with me too. We hope this will be a really useful and productive session for you all. We will send out further details and the registration form in due course, but please save the date!

LATIN AROUND THE SCHOOL

Signs to put up around the school in Latin

Many thanks to Catherine Cook at Beam County Primary School in Dagenham for sharing her fantastic signs that she has put up around Beam! You can see them all [here](#).

If anyone else has created any resources or has any particular teaching ideas you would be happy to share with others please send it to me at the email address above and I will include it in another Newsletter. Thank you!

CLASSICS FOR ALL NEEDS YOU!

Please spread the word to other schools in your region!

We are running an online CPD session on Primary Languages and introducing Latin at Primary School for schools that aren't already doing this, and we would be very grateful if you could share [this flyer](#) with other schools - via friends and family, via regional links, via MAT links, and any other connections you have. Thank you very much for spreading the word!

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CLASSICS FOR ALL WORD ROOTS CPD

A reminder about our 60-90 minute FREE Word Roots CPD session that can be delivered to your school. The session talks teachers through some key links between Latin and Ancient Greek and English, and shows how the study of the languages can help students develop Tier 2 and 3 vocabulary. Schools also receive FREE [resources](#) that can be used by teachers. If you are interested in arranging a session for your school please contact grants@classicsforall.org.uk or your local Coordinator.

WORD ROOT OF THE MONTH:

What does it mean when someone is “magnanimous”?

The word “magnanimous” comes from two

Latin words:

magnus/-a/-um = big

animus/anima = soul, spirit, mind

How does this relate to the meaning of the word “magnanimous”?



CONTACT US: If you want to access Classics for All's support to introduce or develop the teaching of classics in your school, please email grants@classicsforall.org.uk.

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Historical Association
The voice for history



YOUNG HISTORIAN AWARD: Primary Ancient Civilisations

We want young people to get the bug for writing about history in an interesting and critical way. Each year the Historical Association in collaboration with Classics for All and the Spirit of Normandy Trust offers a series of awards to Primary school children for outstanding history scholarship. Children are asked to investigate, think and write about history. The subject categories cover local history, the ancient world and British involvement in the Second World War. The categories have been created to support learning and writing in the classroom so that all young people can have an opportunity to enter, rather than it being only a homework option.

Details of the whole competition can be found [here](#), and further details of this particular competition can be found [here](#).

Closing date: 20th July 2024

What is expected/allowed – any ancient topic ?

You can submit entries on any ancient topic, from the classical Greek and Roman civilisations whose study Classics for All supports, to India, China, Africa or south America. Last year we received an entry on the Mayan civilisation and the award was initially created to support study of the Indus Valley.

Please direct any questions to [Dr Jane Ainsworth](#) at Leicester University, and our Leicester and East Midlands Coordinator.

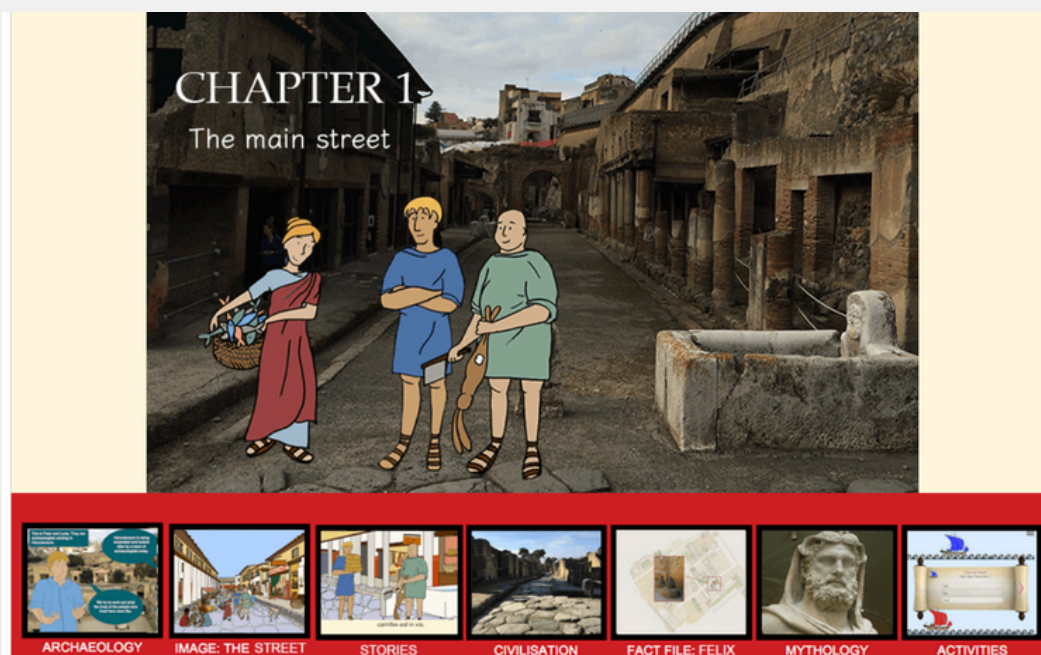
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SPOTLIGHT ON...

PRIMARY LATIN COURSE

This course has been designed working with UK primary teachers to help schools deliver Latin and Roman civilisation - without the need for any background in Latin. The course provides a gentle introduction to the Latin language for pupils in Years 3 - 6, aiming to establish reading fluency of simple sentences. Language learning is fully integrated into an immersive cultural and archaeological course set in ancient Herculaneum. The course is driven by photographs and evidence from the ancient site for pupils to explore and investigate.

All our materials are hosted online and available for free. There are Latin stories with clickable vocabulary and embedded audio, interactive reconstructions, online games, downloadable worksheets, activities and teacher's guides.

The course can be taught over one or two years, depending on timetable availability, and can be combined with both Minimus and Maximum Classics - we can advise you with this.

If you are interested in learning more about the course and the support available from Classics for All, click on the link above and contact grants@classicsforall.org.uk.

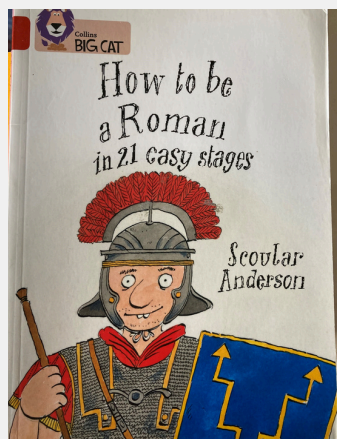
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READ, WATCH, LISTEN - APRIL RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS

If any of you have any recommendations, please send them to anna@classicsforall.org.uk

READ



How to be a Roman in 21 Easy Stages, Scoular Anderson

This comes as a personal recommendation, and a possible way to introduce your younger students to the Romans! My 7 year-old son brought this home as his book to read to us this week, and it's excellent. A few challenging words in there, including words in Latin, but every double pages covers a different key aspect about the Romans, from the army to buildings and roads, and much more.

On the back: "So you want to be a Roman? Here is everything you need to know - in 21 easy stages."

WATCH



Pompeii: The New Dig

At Pompeii, Italian archaeologists begin the biggest dig in a generation, where they find a bakery, a wealthy house and a fresco of a so-called 'pizza', and make a grisly discovery.

This is a fascinating, 3-part documentary series on the new excavations taking place at Pompeii. One more for teachers to watch, but there might be parts that are relevant for studying Volcanoes at KS2 and studying the Romans and how they lived. Definitely worth watching!

LISTEN



Classical Tales

Oral retellings of Classical tales recorded by two of Britain's leading professional storytellers, Daniel Morden and Hugh Lupton. The recordings are accompanied by teachers notes which bring to life tales familiar or unknown to your pupils in an exciting manner.

Find the resources [here](#).