



Classics for All

# PRIMARY SCHOOLS

FEBRUARY 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](mailto:grants@classicsforall.org.uk) with your quotes.



“ ‘Latin is really fun!’

‘You have to think, and work it out from other languages.’

‘I can work it out using my home language, Romanian.’

‘I really like acting out the Minimus stories!’

‘I like lots of things! Learning Latin helps us with English and teaches us lots of stuff we didn't know.’

Year 3-6 pupils at Hayes Park School ”

## PRIMARY SCHOOL OF THE MONTH: HAYES PARK SCHOOL, HILLINGDON

Hayes Park School in Hillingdon introduced Latin in September 2022, with one member of staff delivering Latin across the whole of Key Stage 2 via Minimus. The headteacher was determined to introduce Latin after she came across Minimus in the gift shop at Vindolanda! The school has a large number of students with English as an additional language and serves a very diverse community, so Latin works well to support students' understanding of English and links closely to many of their languages. Well done to everyone at Hayes Park for all your great work!

## 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](mailto:anna@classicsforall.org.uk).

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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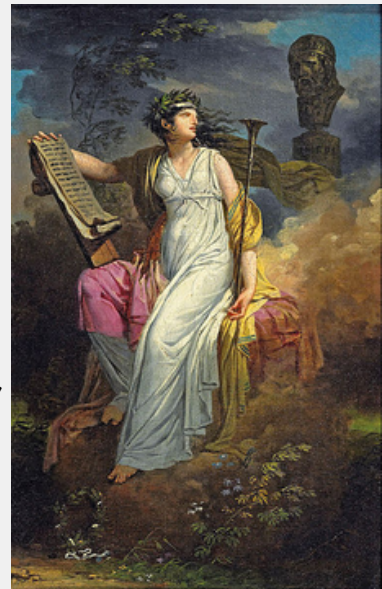
## CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION POETRY COMPETITION

The Classical Association has launched their 2024 Poetry Competition, which is open to everyone, across three age categories (11 and under, 12-18 and 19+).

All of the information and guidelines are available [here](#).

The Competition is free to enter and there's a share of £1500 to be won; the closing date is 5th April.

For Primary aged children:



Do you like writing stories and learning about myths? Would you like to tell us what you love about the ancient world? Be creative and write a poem inspired by the classics, or you could even translate a poem from the original Latin or Greek! Enter this competition and be in with the chance of winning a share of our super prizemoney pot!

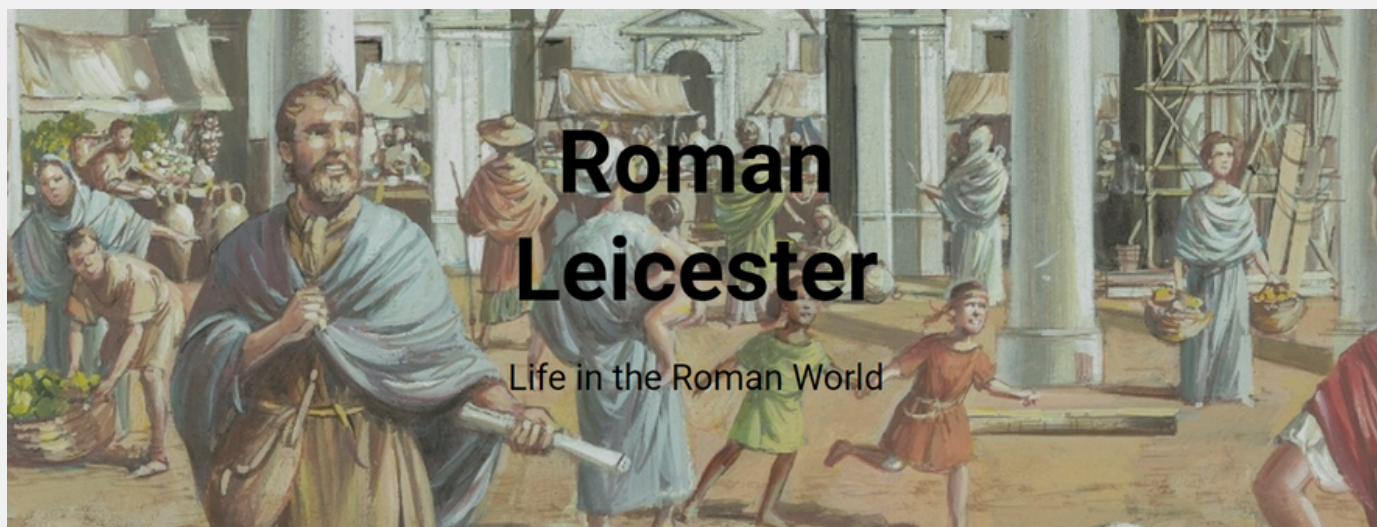
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## Roman Leicester

Life in the Roman World

**SPOTLIGHT ON...**

## **LIFE IN THE ROMAN WORLD**

Roman Leicester (Ratae Corieltavorum) is one of the most excavated urban centres in Britain and archaeological evidence shows us that it was a vibrant multicultural centre from its earliest phases. This website provides a wealth of resources, activities and information which examine the nature of everyday life in Ratae and the wider Roman world, focusing on the experiences and responses of ordinary people over four centuries of Roman rule. It is inspired by recent archaeological discoveries in Leicester carried out by University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS) and is informed by the research of the School of Archaeology and Ancient History (SAAH), University of Leicester.

Their materials are based on cutting-edge research and provide a complete scheme of work designed to address the Romans and local history content of the KS2 - you don't have to be living in Leicester to benefit from using the resources.

Contact the team at [acc-cori@le.ac.uk](mailto:acc-cori@le.ac.uk) to find out how to access their FREE teaching resources and FREE training on Life in the Roman World.

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](mailto:grants@classicsforall.org.uk).

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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](mailto:grants@classicsforall.org.uk) or your local Coordinator.

### WORD ROOT OF THE MONTH:

#### What is the difference between “astronomy” and “astrology”?

“Astronomy” and “astrology” both have a similar beginning root - the Greek word “aster” meaning “star”.

However the second part varies:

“-nomy” comes from the Greek word “nomos”, which means “law”; “-logy” comes from the Greek word “logos”, which means “study of”.

So, “astronomy” is about the “laws of the stars” (e.g. their movements in relation to each other, formations of stars, etc.), and “astrology” is about the “study of the stars” (looking at how they affect us, like our horoscopes, etc.).



**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](mailto:grants@classicsforall.org.uk).

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## READ, WATCH, LISTEN - FEBRUARY RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS

If any of you have any recommendations, please send them to [anna@classicsforall.org.uk](mailto:anna@classicsforall.org.uk)



### READ

#### **Julius Zebra by Gary Northfield**

Julius Zebra: Rumble with the Romans:

From a smelly watering hole deep in the heart of the Serengeti to the ferocious clamour of the Colosseum, join Julius Zebra and his motley menagerie of friends as they gear up to be ... gladiators! Only if they win the love of the Roman crowds will they win back their freedom.

Also in the series:

Julius Zebra: Bundle with the Britons!, Julius Zebra: Entangled with the Egyptians!, and Julius Zebra: Grapple with the Greeks!

### WATCH

#### **Horrible Histories: The Romans**

I'm sure you all know these already, but they're a classic, so I had to include them!

#HorribleHistories is a hit #CBBC show that explores the side of history that they don't teach you about in school! From the Rotten Romans, Vicious Vikings and Awful Egyptians to the Slimy Stuarts and Terrible Tudors, Horrible Histories covers the funniest, yuckiest and most gruesome bits of history for kids.



### 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](#).



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