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PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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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: ALL SAINTS JUNIOR SCHOOL, READING

“We recently had a review day with our trust - they deep dived Latin and were in complete awe of it. Thank you so much for continuing to support our staff and develop this incredible scheme - it truly has revolutionised how we teach languages at All Saints. One of the visitors was a linguist herself and thought it was 'genius' - direct quote! They spoke to children to gather 'pupil voice' and said they were inundated with responses from children saying how much they loved Latin and were so proud to be learning it.... It's such an integral part of our curriculum now and we really do love it. Teacher at All Saints Junior School, Reading”

All Saints Junior School, in Reading, introduced Latin at Key Stage 2 in 2020. The children learn Latin through Maximum Classics in Year 5 and Year 6, and they love it! The school has recently launched a school 'pledge' where each year group has 12 things to achieve across the course of the year. All of their Year 3s have now received their 'Learn an ancient foreign language' badge for their sashes, which is fantastic to hear! Well done to everyone at All Saints Junior School for making Latin such a success!

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.

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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SPOTLIGHT ON... VOCABULOUS

Many of our schools already know about this fantastic resource to teach children at Key Stage 2 about etymology and the roots of English.

In case you haven't heard about Vocabulous, you can read a short study that was done by Oxford University on the resource [here](#).

As described by the study, "Vocabulous is an online resource predominantly used by 9- to 14-year-olds to learn 26 word roots and more than 1,000 English words over the course of 36 pre-prepared lessons.... Vocabulous enables pupils to explore the connections that exist in English vocabulary – particularly Greek and Latin root patterns – and reveals to pupils how they can use problem-solving skills and knowledge of these connections to work out the meanings of complex words in any subject area.... After viewing videos introducing new roots and how they are used to form a variety of English words, students compete to win badges by working through quizzes that test and consolidate their knowledge of the meaning of newly encountered roots and the roles they play in words formed from them."

Classics for All can provide FREE TRAINING for schools to use Vocabulous and we have a number of bursaries left to pay the first year's subscription for a school.

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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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 “belligerent”?

The word “belligerent” comes from two Latin words:

bellum = war

gerere = to wage or start; it can also mean to wear

bellum gerere = to wage war

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



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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READ, WATCH, LISTEN - JANUARY RESOURCE RECOMENDATIONS



READ

Hopeless Heroes by Stella Tarakson

“Embark on an epic adventure through the world of Greek mythology with the 'Hopeless Heroes: The Greek God Collection' - an extraordinary 8-book set. Join a band of modern-day misfit heroes as they encounter the ancient gods and face epic challenges in a hilarious and heart warming journey that blends mythology with the modern world.”



WATCH

The Storyteller Videos

This series of videos on YouTube cover four of the main Greek myths. These videos are more suitable for upper Key Stage 2. The myths are narrated by Michael Gambon, and are entertaining short dramatisations of the myths. I would recommend watching them first before showing to pupils.



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](#).