



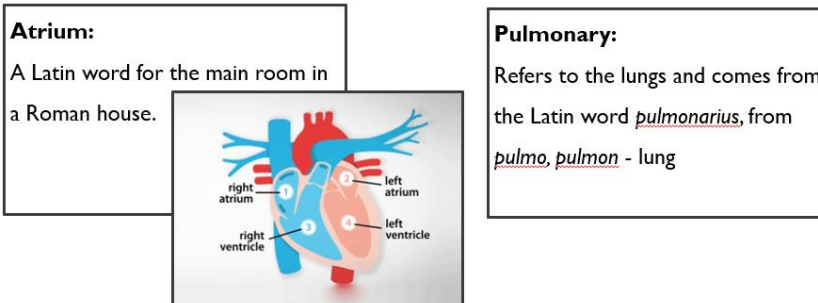
Maximum Classics

Latin at St. Paul's C of E Junior School

From September 2024, all of our pupils will study Latin. Studying classical languages provides the linguistic foundation for reading comprehension, learning modern foreign languages and develops an appreciation of classical civilisation. We will be adapting the Maximum Classics: Literacy through Latin course to complement our new foundation curriculum.

Rationale

- Latin is the next logical step after phonics where children start encountering the Latin half of English. 50% of all English words derive from Latin along with 80-90% of polysyllabic words.
- Research findings suggest that there is a strong positive correlation between the learning of Latin and the development of literacy skills at KS2.
- Latin is the best preparation for learning any language. To study Latin is to study six languages at once: French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Romanian (The five Romanian languages) which derived and evolved from Latin. About 90% of the vocabulary of these languages comes from Latin.
- Latin also provides the root words of not one, not half but *all* of the modern sciences and is the language of the law, government, logic and theology.



Pupil Feedback

The first unit was trialled on Year 6 in the Summer Term and this is what some of our pupils had to say:

"There are no cons- only pros! I have enjoyed the topic because it has taught us the history of the English language and it can come in very useful for when we are trying to figure out what new words mean." - OR

"It was very, very fun and interesting, I really enjoyed learning about where English came from and the story of Achilles." - DP

"It was an amazing unit and it was very interesting. I especially enjoyed the lesson about Achilles. One difficulty was I had to learn a new language after learning French for so long." - GS

"This topic was great and I am extremely grateful for it. I learned many Latin words and all of the activities were fun and taught me lots. Overall, this is one of the best topics!" -SP

"I thought that the Latin lessons were really fun and informative. I wish we could have learnt a few more words and stories. It was fun because there was a lot of interactive work. KEEP LATIN!" -FR