



Latin: Minimus 1 - Meet The Family

Year 3: Autumn Term



Welcome to Latin!



Hello, I am Minimus! I am very excited because you are going to be learning my language, called Latin!

Latin was spoken many, many years ago by the Ancient Romans, but we can still see it in English, and other languages, today.

The myth you will be learning is: Perseus and Medusa.

Medusa was once a beautiful girl who angered the gods. As punishment, her hair was turned to snakes and if you looked at her in the eye, you would turn to stone. Perseus, the brave hero, was sent to kill her and rid the world of her evil.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Felix dies tibi sit!	Happy Birthday
hodie (ho-dee-ay)	Today
mater	Mother
pater	Father
salve (sal-way)	Hello to one person
salvete (sal-way-tay)	Hello to many people
sum	I am
vale (wal-ay)	Goodbye to one person
valete (wal-ay-tay)	Goodbye to many people
veni (wen- ee)	Come

Key Information

There are a few rules about how you speak Latin, which you will learn as we go along.

- We say a “v” sound in Latin like a “w” sound in English, so *salve* is pronounced *sal-way*.
- In Latin “ch” is pronounced like the beginning of “Christmas”.
- If a Latin name ends in “a” it is for a woman/girl. If a Latin name ends in “us” it is for a man/boy.

Meet the Family

Lepidina is the mother



Flavius is the father



Iulius is the son



Flavia is the daughter



Rufus is the young child



Corinthus & Candidus are slaves



Pandora is a slave



Vibrissa is the cat



Minimus is the mouse



Vindolanda and Hadrian's Wall

Nearly 2,000 years ago, Britain was conquered by the Romans, and the Britons became part of the huge Roman Empire. About 75 years after the Romans arrived, the Roman Emperor, Hadrian, came to Britain and ordered his soldiers to build a great wall and patrol it. It is known as Hadrian's Wall, and you can still see parts of it today. It stretches across the north of Britain from east to west and passes near to Vindolanda. The Roman family in the Minimus book lived in Vindolanda. Vindolanda is a Roman fort. Men stationed at Vindolanda fort played a big part in the construction of Hadrian's wall.