



Latin: Minimus 3 – Work, Work, Work
Year 3: Summer Term



The myth you will be learning is **Pandora's Box**



Zeus, the king of the gods, ordered Hephaestus to create Pandora, the first woman, from earth, and the gods gifted her with various attributes. Pandora was given a jar (or box) by the gods, with strict instructions not to open it. Pandora, driven by curiosity, disobeyed the gods and opened the jar, releasing all the evils of the world, such as sickness, death, and sorrow, into humanity. When Pandora closed the jar, only hope remained inside, symbolising that even in the face of adversity, there is always a glimmer of possibility.

Key Vocabulary	Definition	Useful Verbs	Definition
ancilla	Slave girl	scribo	I write
minime!	No!	specto	I watch
nova/novus	New	purgo	I clean
quod	Because	laboro	I work
subito	Suddenly	coquo	I cook
validus	Strong	lego	I read

Talk Like A Roman

- I before another vowel is pronounced as Y *e.g. Iulius sounds like 'Yoolioos'*
- C and G are always hard, as in cat and gas *e.g. ancilla = an-kill-a*
- V was pronounced originally like English W *e.g. vespa = wespa*
- 'CH' is best pronounced just like C *e.g. pulcher = pul-ker*

Key Information

Grammar Recap

In Latin nouns which end in **-a** are **feminine nouns**.
Nouns which end in **-us** are called **masculine nouns**.

Some **feminine nouns**:
villa (house)
tunica (dress)
vespa (wasp)

villa sordida est –
the house is dirty.
vespa improba est –
the wasp is naughty.

Some **masculine nouns**:
hortus (garden)
porcus (pig)
equus (horse)

hortus squalidus est –
the garden is messy
porcus maximus est –
the pig is very big

Endings to Verbs

If **he/she** is doing the action, the verb ends in **t**

scribit – **he/she** writes
spectat – **he/she** watches
laborat – **he/she** works

If **I** am doing the action, the verb ends in **o**

scribo – **I** write
specto – **I** watch
laboro – **I** work

If **they** are doing the action, the verb ends in **nt**

scribunt – **they** are writing
spectant – **they** are watching
laborant – **they** are working

The Working Day for the Slaves

Candidus, Corinthus and Pandora's day began early. Vindolanda is in the Northeast of England so it can be very cold. One of the first jobs for Candidus and Corinthus would be to fire up the hypocaust. When Flavius awoke, they would be expected to assist dressing him. When the day properly began, Candidus, Corinthus and Pandora would start tasks such as teaching the children, cleaning the villa, washing clothes and tidying a garden. Candidus would work in a kitchen preparing the day's meals. When the family bathed at home, the slaves would help by drying them once they had finished and dressing them.



There are lots of words in English which have their roots in Latin.

scribo – I write *From scriptum: a writing; book*

specto – I watch

Prescription
An order for medicine which a Doctor writes

Scripture
Holy or sacred writings like the Bible

Spectator
A person who looks on (e.g. at a sporting event)

Spectacles
Eyeglasses which help you see clearly