



Latin: Minimus – Off to Town
Year 4: Summer Term



The myth you will be learning is **Actaeon and Diana**

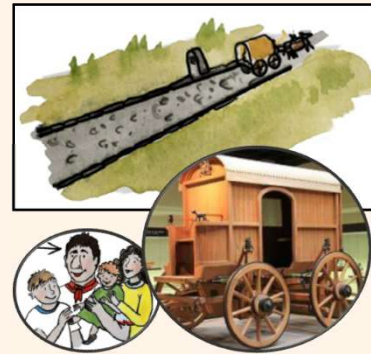


Actaeon was out hunting deer with his dogs. He wandered past the secret cave of the goddess, Diana, and saw her bathing. She was angry and threw water in his face because she couldn't reach her bow and arrows. Antlers sprouted from Actaeon's forehead, his ears grew hairy and pointed, his arms grew long and thin and his hands turned into hooves and soon his whole body was covered in thick brown fur. When he saw his reflection in the bathing pool, he knew he had been turned into a stag. Terrified he ran into the forest, crashing through brambles and leaping over fallen logs. Actaeon's own dogs didn't recognise their master, seeing only a fleeing stag. The animals chased Actaeon and tore him to pieces which is how Diana punished Actaeon.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
arma	weapons
amicus	friend
Eboracum	The town that is today known as York
gladius	sword
habitat	He lives
ibi	there
ludus	game
stilus	pen
vado	I am going
variae	colourful

Key Information

A Trip to Eboracum (York)



Flavius and his family travel from Vindolanda to Eboracum (York). In Roman times, this was a much longer and more dangerous journey than today. The family would have travelled in a covered wagon pulled by horses, with an armed guard to protect them against bandits.

The journey was 120 miles and the wagon could only manage about 4 miles in one hour. The family would have stopped and rested at a mansio (inn). The whole trip would have taken about a week! Today, you can travel from Vindolanda to York by car or train and the journey takes about two hours.

A Day in Eboracum

When families arrived in Eboracum, they would have found it noisy, full of people and a much bigger town than most were used to. Shopkeepers and traders would be selling beautiful things from all over the Roman Empire and everyone would have enjoyed doing some shopping. You can see here some of the typical things that Britons would have purchased, including jewellery, games, weapons and items for their homes.



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

habito/habitat - I live/he or she lives	Habitat –the home of an animal or plant
acutus/acuta - sharp	Acute angle –in maths an acute angle is a sharp pointed angle
fractus/fracta - Broken	If your arm is fractured, you have broken it.
variae - Colourful–different colours	Varied means to change or make different Various –different from one another