Latin Mixed-Age Teaching Approach at Morley Primary School

At Morley Primary School, our Latin curriculum is designed to provide a well-rounded and progressive understanding of the language and its historical context. Through a structured, mixed-age approach, we ensure that children develop linguistic skills, cultural awareness, and etymological knowledge over their Latin journey. Our curriculum alternates between foundational language acquisition and deeper vocabulary studies, ensuring continuity and engagement for all learners.

Latin Curriculum Structure

1. **Minimus** – This is our core Latin curriculum, covering six chapters in both Class 2 and 3. Due to its linear progression, Minimus is taught once in Class 2 and once in Class 3 during alternating years.
2. **Hands Up Latin** – A visually engaging programme that integrates spoken Latin, simple stories, and insights into Roman life. Children in both Class 2 and Class 3 will explore three chapters of this programme each year.
3. **Vocabulous** – This programme, designed for upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5/6), focuses on etymology and word origins, bridging the gap between Latin and modern English vocabulary.
4. **Latin Root Programme** – Developed through Classics for All, this scheme introduces Year 3/4 children to Latin roots, fostering an early understanding of how Latin influences English and other languages.

By alternating between a year of Minimus and a year of vocabulary/etymology focus, alongside Hands Up Latin, our approach ensures depth and variety in Latin learning.

Latin Curriculum Cycle

2025-2026

- **Class 2**: Alternates each half-term between Latin Roots and Hands Up Latin. Both
- **Class 3**: Vocabulous 30 minute weekly lesson and Hands Up Latin Chapter 1-7

2026-2027

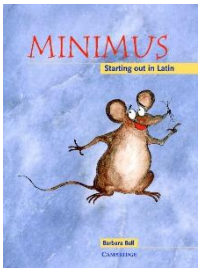
- **Class 2**: Minimus Chapters 1-6.
- **Class 3**: Minimus Chapters 7-12.

2027-2028

- **Class 2**: Alternates each half-term between Latin Roots and Hands Up Latin.
- **Class 3**: Alternates each half-term between Vocabulous and Hands Up Latin (Chapters 4-6).

This mixed-age model ensures that children engage with Latin in a structured yet dynamic way, building their knowledge progressively while maintaining enthusiasm and curiosity for the subject.

*Please note that classes are being restructured for September 2025- Latin in Class 2 will not be taught to the Year 2 children who will work on their Phonics Little Wandle Spelling programme during this teaching time.



Classics for All

Hands up

VOCABULOUS
LEARN THE ROOT. CONQUER THE WORD.