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OVERVIEW:

Welcome

Here at Classics for All London & SE we wanted to let teachers across the region know that we are still here and happy to help.

We are still happy to provide online training both to new schools and existing schools in both Maximum Classics and Minimus. As usual all our training is free to schools as we are still providing full grants. We can also help with access to grants for books and other resources.

Did you know there are 16 networks around the country, introducing Classics to schools from Penzance to Newcastle, and even Scotland? Thanks go to our fantastic Classics for All North Network for producing this Primary e-newsletter. We hope you will find it helpful and would welcome any comments.

If there is anything you need or want but can't easily find, please ask - we are happy to help! Keep in touch by following us on social media!

 @ClassicsForAllinLondon

 @cfa_se

- Training and CPD updates
- Resources
- Spotlight on Ancient Greeks
- Literary Resources
- Saturnalia and Christmas
- CfA update and news

In future editions we will spotlight Museum resources, Roman Britain, Archaeology, and give news of Primary networking and social media sites to support you anna@classicsforall.org.uk

Anna Bell - Network Coordinator

CPD & Resources for Teachers

Exploring Word Roots

FREE sessions to schools to learn about using Latin and Greek to enrich vocabulary and support literacy teaching at KS2 and KS3. Learning about the roots of the English Language offers a key to understanding new words and enriching vocabulary. Building knowledge of etymology and morphology in the classroom can help pupils to develop greater 'word consciousness', which in turn enables them to better understand and use language. The session is 60-90 minutes long. For further information contact your Hub Coordinator or info@classicsforallnorth.org.uk

Maximum Classics

If you would like any top up training for your staff for Maximum Classics, please contact us for free bespoke sessions.

Minimus

Any schools wanting new or top up training for Minimus, please contact your local hub coordinator or anna@classicsforall.org.uk

There is a new Minimus website <http://www.minimuslatin.co.uk> which contains all your old favourites and some great new resources. Including translations of all of book 1 and 2 (under the "Help" section. Check out the blog for new activities and resources including a Picture Dictionary, a stick puppet theatre and some bookmarks to download and colour. Under "Teaching" you will also find new vocab testing resources and Progress checks for both attainment and extension.

The Primary Latin Project website has also had a facelift <https://www.primarylatinproject.org> on the Resources page you will find schemes of work, audio versions of the myths, free downloads of the Workbook, and links to extra worksheets. You can also access the Progress Checks from here too.

Mythology Competition - A great competition for KS2 and KS3, based on different myths. Categories include **Art, Creative writing, Drama** and **Animation**. All information is on the Primary Latin Project website and entries must be in by **7 May 2021**.



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Additional Support for Schools

Advice and support for your website

We love it when the schools that we work with clearly promote the great work and fun that they are having with their Primary Latin courses, but if you would like some help with how best to showcase what you are doing, please get in touch. We have some great examples from schools, just like you, who are happy to share how they have showcased the teaching Classics and the implementation of the schemes.

Social media sites and groups

In addition to following Classics for All on our own social media sites (Twitter, Instagram and our Facebook) you may also find these sites useful to follow:

@minimus_latin (illustrator Helen Forte has a very active presence and will have lots of fresh ideas for those teaching Minimus.

@tutubuslatiinus Legionium - combining lego and latin - great fun !

@charlieandrew follow the creator of the Maximum Classics and Mega Greek courses.

@vindollandaTrust find out all the news from Hadrian's Wall

Salvete - LIPS (languages in Primary Schools) facebook group. Always a warm welcome and answers to your questions on Primary Latin from our trainers and other primary teachers.

There is also a Minimus facebook group for support too.

The Classics Library - this is a site for Classics teachers and hosts thousands of resources donated by teachers, lists jobs and events and has numerous forums for different groups to discuss things. At first sight Primary Teachers may feel it's not for them, but it is free to join and there are groups for Minimus and KS2 Latin and many, many free resources (it's a bit like our own TES, but all free !)



We are still awarding grants for initial Classics for All training and top-up training. We train in person whenever possible or on zoom to stay COVID safe.

Spotlight on the Ancient Greeks

We have two great Primary courses for Ancient Greek. The short online course Mega Greek and the full Basil Batrakhos course. We provide full grants for training and resources and they make a great addition to teaching about the Ancient Greeks.

Resources

Reimagining Ancient Greece

Fantastic Primary teaching resources developed by Newcastle University that can be used for single lessons or for a longer period of study.



Primary Ancient Greeks

This provides free, accessible and engaging materials for teaching Ancient Greece at Key Stage 2 (ages 7-11). The stories for each week are linked by a common theme and provide the introduction to a history topic. Please read our 'Teaching guidance and suggestions' page for important information about learning objectives and teaching approaches.

The Panoply Vase Animations Project

Animations based on original Greek vases, organised into topics (women, myth, warfare, sport etc.). Useful for various teaching and learning activities, particularly in sessions on classical civilisation, art, and creative writing.

Troy Story: Homer's Iliad and Odyssey

Short animations of Homer's epic poems, produced by the Open 16 University and voiced by Don Warrington. Accompanied by a cast list and minibiography of the main characters by Dr Emma Bridges (introductory level).

British Museum

Great classroom resources <https://www.britishmuseum.org/learn/schools> including powerpoints on Greek women and Roman Britain.

Classical Tales

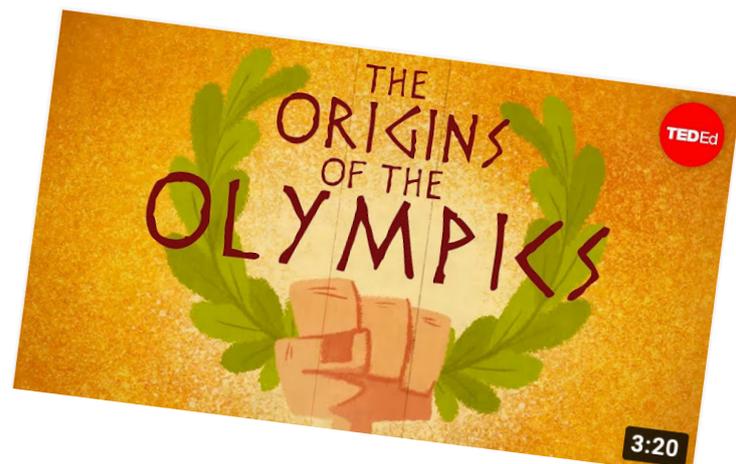
Free audio storytelling of Classical stories.

TED ED

Olympic Games

What did the Greeks do for us?

Greek Theatre



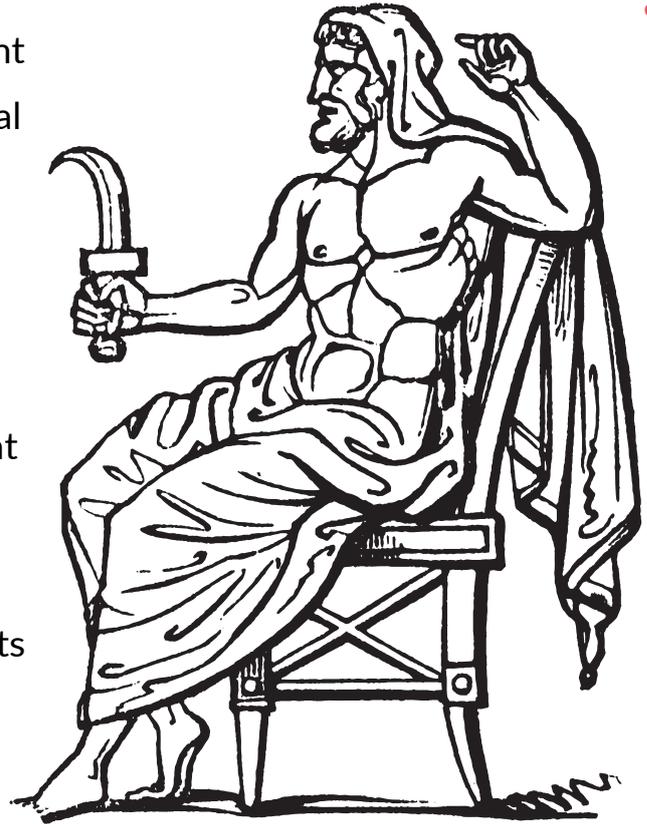
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Saturnalia & Christmas



Saturnalia, held in mid-December, is an ancient Roman pagan festival honoring the agricultural god Saturn. Saturnalia celebrations are the source of many of the traditions we now associate with Christmas.

It was the most popular holiday on the ancient Roman calendar, derived from older farming-related rituals of midwinter and the winter solstice, especially the practice of offering gifts or sacrifices to the gods during the winter sowing season.



Resources

Here are some resources and links to help you explore and celebrate Saturnalia and show where some of our Christmas traditions come from:

Video by [Somerton Primary School](#) about Saturnalia

Video of Saturnalia being [celebrated in Chester](#)

I have put a number of resources about Saturnalia in a google drive folder which can be accessed [here](#)

Helen Forte, the illustrator of the Minimus stories is very good at doing seasonal things and has promised some are coming soon. In 2019 she did a Minimus advent calendar on twitter everyday, so I would recommend following her on twitter or looking on the Minimus website blogspot or Minimus facebook group even if you aren't using Minimus - advent is great for Roman numerals!



io saturnalia!



Literacy Resources for Greeks & Romans

Some great ideas here that are focused on Greeks, Romans and mythology but will give you ideas for bringing Classical stories into reading and creative writing work. We can also help schools apply to the Roman Society and Hellenic Society for small grants (£50-£500) to support library purchases and other activities, and offer advice on books, both fiction and non fiction to support your students learning.

<https://authorfy.com/faqs/>

A fab website offering FREE linking of schools with authors for creative writing workshops (virtual) and other resources but crucially includes authors Maz Evans "Who let the God's out?", Gary Northfield "Julius Zebra" also the wonderful Marcia Williams!

Rick Riordan Resources: Percy Jackson

[Percy Jackson teaching resources KS2](#)

other resources and videos below:

<https://www.puffinschools.co.uk/shows/creative-writing-show/>

<https://www.puffinschools.co.uk/shows/myths-and-legends-with-rick-riordan/>

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<https://www.puffinschools.co.uk/resources/ks2-video-draw-a-greek-minotaur-4-mins/>

Marcia Williams Activities

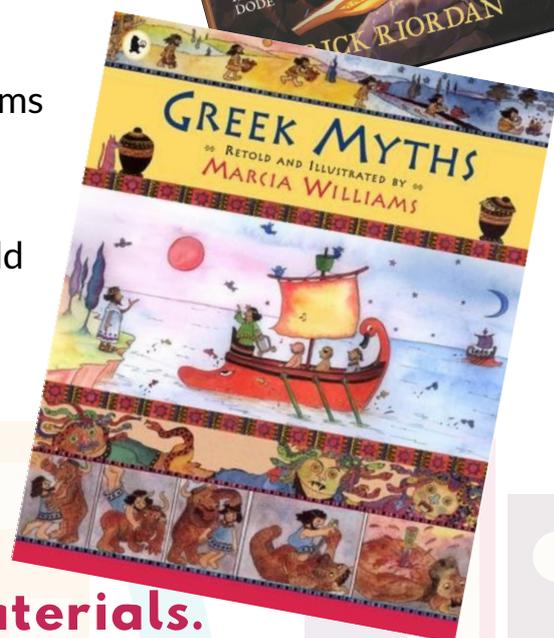
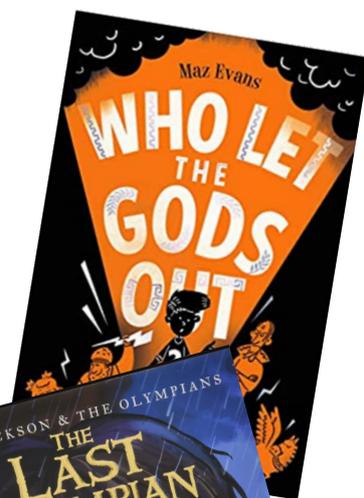
[Teaching Resources](#) with authors including Marcia Williams on Romans and Egyptians and Harry Potter.

Colouring and activities worksheets on the Ancient World and other topics too. All by Marcia Williams.

<http://www.marciawilliams.co.uk/colouring-activities/>

Caroline Lawrence

Check out [Teacher Resources](#) for the Time Travel Diaries and extra material for the Roman Mysteries



For help with grants for materials.

Contact your Hub Coordinator for details or email anna@classicsforall.org.uk

General Resources

Crews Project - Writing in the Ancient World

This is a collection of free teaching materials on Writing in the Ancient World, which includes teaching packs on five writing systems, cartoons and ideas for play sessions. They were designed with age 8-11 children in mind (i.e. roughly KS2). There are short videos about writing using different alphabets

Classical Association's Guide

The CA's Guide to **Online Teaching Resources**, curated by members of the CA Teaching Board, has recently been updated with additional material. [CATB-online-teaching-resources-13-October-2020.pdf](#)



Classics for All Resources

The following sites and resources are recommended by **Classics for All**. Many have been directly commissioned by the charity or produced by teachers or academic staff in our partner schools or universities. Below, you will find links to resources supporting the introduction of classics, ancient history, Latin and Ancient Greek to your school curriculum at all Key Stages.

<https://classicsforall.org.uk/my-school-wants-classics/resources-0>

The wonderful resources being hosted at our **Warwick Classics Network** are constantly being updated and added to and there are many fantastic contributions from teachers

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/classics/warwickclassicsnetwork/stoa/>

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Classics for All IN LOCKDOWN

Lockdown latest

160
schools reached

9,000
pupils benefit

64

Primary

96

Secondary

90

New schools reached

Schools in areas of economic disadvantage

50%



400

teachers trained online



100,000+

views of online resources



£600

average cost of training

Despite the limitations of Covid and lockdown, Classics for All are still in demand and so far in 2020 over 160 schools have requested training and, funding permitting, we are still on target to reach 1,000 schools in total by the end of this, our 10th anniversary year. We have trained over 400 teachers this year and our resources have been viewed over 100,000 times !

At Classics for All North we decided not to run any CPD/online events this term, as there have been a lot of online events such as the ARLT CPD and CSCP Conference that have already been online and available to all, plus we suspect that you are all pretty busy!

However, we are always open to suggestions for events, support, training and resources, so do please get in touch.

Always happy to help !

If you would like to catch up with our work, and our fundraising initiatives, please have a look at our latest edition of Classics Matters

<https://classicsforall.org.uk/news-and-events/classics-matters-newsletter/classics-matters-autumn-2020>

Thank you to all our teachers!

