**Literacy through Classics**

**Lesson plan 1**

**Introduction: the Romans and us**

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| **Time** | **Activity** | **Details** | **Cross-Curriculum and Literacy**  **(also see below)** | **To be done/brought along** |
| 15 mins | Introduction | * Introduce yourselves, briefly discuss the project, and describe how Latin has helped you. * *Salve!* Means Hello! Salvete discipuli – salve magister/magistra. Explain difference singular and plural, ask pupils to greet each other, and add –us or –a to their name for boy or girl. Let them make name signs. * Discuss common words. Ask what they have in common. Answer? Latin. Discuss similarities between Latin and English. | n/a | Make name stickers for yourselves + ask pupils to have name stickers |
| 15 mins | What do you know about the Romans? (Knowledge of details and geography) | * By table: pupils discuss and write down on big sheet of paper what they know about Romans, connecting things if they can * By table: pupils try to locate Rome on a map of Europe/the world (higher ability group); if pupils disagree, they are encouraged to circle different parts of map | KS2 History: Questions to ask: What do you know about life at this time?  KS2 Knowledge and Understanding of the World – Geography  KS2 History: Historical enquiry: pupils should be given opportunities to use a range of sources, *e.g. visual sources* | * Take big sheets for initial discussion (A3) * Take empty maps of Mediterranean/world (A3) * Powerpoint slide of world and Mediterranean pointing out Rome the city and the extend of the Roman empire through the ages |
| 10 mins | Historical timeline (chronology) | * By table: pupils are given two sets of images from various periods in history: buildings and dress. Pupils put both timelines in the correct chronological order * Whole class: discussion of the various periods in history | KS2 History: Chronological awareness: pupils should be given opportunities to use timelines to sequence events  KS2 History: Historical knowledge and understanding: pupils should be given opportunities to identify differences between ways of life at different times | * Powerpoint with slide of main historical periods |
| 10 mins | charades | Every group gets number of cards with animal names in Latin. One person at front of room imitates the animal and the groups have to guess what the Latin name is by holding up the card. Start with easy ones, and then move up to slightly trickier ones. E.g.:  Lion – Leo; Mouse- Mus; Cat – Gattus; Dog – Canis; Dragon - Dracon; Snake- Serpens; Tiger – Tigris; Dolphin – Delphinus; Fish – Piscis; Crow - Corvis | Literacy: oracy | * List of names on powerpoint |
| 5 | Plenary | Pupils to write down 3 most important things they have remembered from today – share a few. |  | Homework: Write down the names of people in your family and your friends with the Latin endings, and draw a picture of them in Roman dress.  OR make a mask (in preparation for next class) |

**Literacy in years 5 and 6 – National Literacy and Numeracy Framework**

**Reading for information**

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|  |  | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| Locating, selecting and using information | Reading Strategies | * Use a range of strategies to make meaning from words and sentences, including knowledge of phonics, word roots, word families, syntactic context, and prior knowledge of context and text type * Read extended texts independently for sustained periods * Identify how punctuation relates to sentence structure and how meaning is constructed in complex sentences * Use a range of strategies for skimming, *e.g. finding key words, phrases, gist, main ideas, themes* * Scan to find specific details using graphic and textual organisers, *e.g. sub-headings, diagrams* * Identify features of texts, e.g. *introduction to topic, sequence, illustrations, degree of formality* * Identify features in texts intended to persuade, *e.g. exaggeration, word choice, ambiguity* * Use information from trusted sources, on-screen and on paper, selecting and downloading as necessary | * Use a range of strategies to make meaning from words and sentences, including knowledge of phonics, word roots, word families, syntactic context and prior knowledge of context and text type * Read complex texts independently for sustained periods * Understand how punctuation can vary and so affect sentence structure and meaning, *e.g. I had chocolate(,) cake and cheese for tea’* * Use a range of strategies to skim and scan for information * Read closely, annotating purposefully * Distinguish between main and supporting ideas selecting essential points * Begin to understand features of official and historical documents, *e.g. formal language, layout, headings, footnotes, asterisks in texts such as passport applications, census documents, planning notifications* * Assess the quality and reliability of information on web pages, considering its origins and verifying accuracy |
| Responding to what has been read | Comprehension | * Show understanding of main points and significant details in different texts on the same topic * Infer meaning which is not explicitly stated, *e.g. implications, consequences* * Compare the structures of texts which are intended to discuss or persuade | * Show understanding of the key features and themes across a selection of materials * Infer ideas which are not explicitly stated, *e.g. writers’ viewpoints or attitudes* * Identify how effective arguments are constructed, *e.g. linking points, pre-empting disagreement, use of examples, appeals to reader* |
|  | Response and analysis | * Collate and make connections with information and ideas from different sources, make hypotheses and draw conclusions, and present in different ways, *e.g. flowchart, diagram* * Compare the viewpoint of different writers on the same topic, *e.g. rats are fascinating or a menace* * Consider if the content is reliable, *e.g. are photographs more reliable than drawings?* * Identify and explore ideas and information that interest them * Identify key points in sections of text. | * Collate and make connections between information and ideas and present appropriately, e.g. *graphs, tables* * Consider different viewpoints on a topic and which is the most coherent and believable * Evaluate a text, its content, presentation and appeal * Identify ideas and information that interest them and develop broader and deeper understanding * Use evidence from a text to support their view. |

**Writing for information**

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|  |  | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| Organising ideas and information | Meaning   * Purpose * Audience * Ideas and information * Use of detail | * Shape writing to show a clear purpose * Expand upon main idea(s) with supporting reasons, information and examples * Plan writing, selecting a suitable structure, *e.g. explanation or report* * Revise and improve writing, discussing why they have made changes | * Adapt writing style to suit the audience and purpose, *e.g. formal style for unknown reader, simple style for younger readers* * Explain ideas fully, showing implications and consequences * Plan writing to shape it for effect, e.g. *leading up to a conclusion* * Edit, reflect and improve their writing independently |
|  | Form  Text types   * Reports * Recount * Persuasion * Discussion * Instructions * Explanation | * Use the features of specific forms appropriately which are clear and relevant, *e.g. sub-headings, captions* * Write an introduction that establishes context, a series of appropriately ordered points and a suitable conclusion * Use paragraphs, which have a main idea and related details, to organise the writing * Use images, graphs and illustrations which are clear, relevant and appropriate to the text type | * Adapt the features of a form appropriately for different contexts, *e.g. letters written for different purposes* * Use features of the chosen form, e.g. *an effective introduction that establishes context and purpose, a suitable balance between facts and viewpoints, a precise conclusion* * Use paragraphs or sections to structure meaning and effect * Use features and layout which are clearly constructed to enhance presentation of data and ideas |
|  | IT | * Write material appropriately for web pages, taking account of the format, lengths of paragraphs, use of pictures, links to other pages | * Use language appropriate to writing, including standard English where relevant * Use varied and appropriate vocabulary, including subject-specific words and phrases |
| Writing accurately | Language | * Use language appropriate to writing, including standard English where relevant * Use a varied and appropriate vocabulary, including subject-specific words and phrases | * Use language appropriate to writing, including standard English where relevant * Use a varied and appropriate vocabulary, including subject-specific words and phrases |
|  | Grammar  Punctuation  Spelling  Handwriting  Presentation | * Use different sentence structures, including complex sentences, *e.g. subordination – before you start, at the same time, before it finishes* * Use conditionals, *e.g. if, might , could, to show hypotheses or possibilities* * Use the full range of punctuation to guide the reader in complex sentences including commas, bullet points and also speech marks and apostrophes for possession * Use a variety of strategies to spell words with complex regular patterns, e.g. *exercise, competition* * Produce fluent and legible handwriting | * Use varied sentence structures and sequences of clauses * Use a range of punctuation accurately to clarify meaning, including apostrophes for omission * Use knowledge of word families, roots, morphology, derivations and spelling patterns * Use strategies to spell correctly polysyllabic, complex and irregular words, *e.g. definite, separate, beautiful, friendly* * Produce fluent and legible handwriting |

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|  |  | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| Developing information and ideas  Presenting information and ideas | Speaking | * **Explore ways to be convincing when explaining information and ideas, *e.g. use of vocabulary, gesture, visual aids*** * **Speak clearly, using a formal tone and projecting voice effectively to a large audienc,e *e.g. in assembly, in event for parents/carers*** * **Take on a role, *e.g. character from historical situation, an imaginary part in a scientific process*** | * **Express issues and ideas clearly, using vocabulary and grammatical structures appropriately, *e.g. using specialist vocabulary or examples to illustrate meaning*** * **When presenting ideas, vary expression, tone, volume to keep listeners interested** * **Sustain a role play exploring situations, characters and actions** |
|  | Listening | * **Listen carefully to presentation and show understanding of main points** * **After listening, prepare a response which gives views on what the speaker has said** | * **Listen carefully to presentations and show understanding of main points and reasons for opinions** * **Respond to others appropriately with questions and comments which develop what has been said** |
|  | Collaboration and discussion | * **Contribute to group discussion, taking some responsibility for completing the task well, *e.g. keeping focus, helping others*** * **Follow up points in discussions, showing agreement or disagreement** | * **Contribute purposefully to a discussion to achieve agreed outcomes** * **Build on and develop the ideas of others, *e.g. by asking questions to explore further, offering more ideas*.** |