

16. How long does *Minimus* take?

The time taken to complete *Minimus* varies enormously (from 3 months to 4 years!) – depending on time available, age and ability of pupils, time for homework etc.

In general it is refreshing to go with the pace and interest of one's pupils and not be hidebound by finishing a syllabus. Nevertheless some teachers have asked for ideas to supplement their text, for those pupils who are moving very quickly through it. Here are ideas from some of those who have now taught *Minimus* right through:

1. Make use of the audiocassettes in lessons.
2. Hold a Latin reading competition. Two dialogue passages have been written for this purpose, based on material in Chs. 2 and 8.
3. Other competitions: art, poetry, creative writing.
4. Drama – either within the classroom or something grander for school assembly, with costumes and props. The Governor of Britain comes to dinner (Ch. 2), the journey to York (Ch. C) and the visit to the Doctor (Ch. 9) have all proved popular for this. Photographs in the school or local newspaper make the event even more memorable.
5. Practical archaeology – buying different types of modern objects and then reviewing what happens to them underground at intervals. Recording the results.
6. Prepare in class for a visit to local Roman site(s).
7. Visit to a local church/churchyard, to look for Roman inscriptions.
8. Visiting a local Museum, which has a Roman collection.
9. Museums often run handling sessions with actual Roman artefacts. An old coin or piece of pottery may not look exciting but is of intrinsic interest because it is real.
10. IT – design and decorate a Roman menu on computer.
11. IT – investigate the *Minimus* and Vindolanda websites.
12. Making Roman birthday cards, Christmas cards, Valentine cards, Easter cards etc. Any occasion. Pupils can add simple Latin.
13. Draw different pieces of Roman armour for a wall display.
14. Investigate the 12 Olympians and make a wall display about them.
15. Make a Roman board game.
16. Make wooden tablets on thin wood and inscribe them with cursive writing.
17. Work on the name, signs and pictures for signs of the zodiac. Make 12 enlarged pictures for a wall display.
18. A bigger artwork project eg designing, making and painting Roman shields. When finished, marching with them in the playground; publicity in school newspaper or even local paper.
19. Involve local press wherever possible.
20. Singing happy birthday in Latin – and singing in general is always popular. The Project has sheets of Latin songs on request.
21. Singing Latin carols for Assembly at Christmas.
22. A Saturnalia party.
23. A Roman banquet.
24. Prepare some easy Roman food.
25. Food tasting of things eaten by the Romans but still available today.
26. Food Quiz – children decide which items were available to the Romans and which were not. Then they eat the food!
27. Making Christmas pictures/calendars
28. Making Latin party invitations.
29. Make full use of the worksheets in the Teacher's Resource Book.
30. Any form of quiz.

All of the above will be enhanced by the support material now available from the Project. Please enclose a stamped s.a.e. A small donation to cover photocopying is much appreciated.

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