

WHY TEACH LATIN TO ABLE CHILDREN IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS?

It provides a unique opportunity for them to:

- understand more about the structure of English. Pupils have worked on parts of speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs) and considered their different functions.
- prepare for learning a modern foreign language. Apart from the above, pupils have also been introduced to the concept of nouns having genders and adjectives agreeing with them, more complicated conjugation of verbs (both as in French German, Spanish etc.) and different word order in a sentence (German).
- enhance and extend their English vocabulary. Pupils have already demonstrated their ability to understand words such as sedentary, benign, feline, maternal, ancillary, equestrian, optimum etc. through their knowledge of Latin.
- learn more about the Romans (by hearing about a real family), their place in history and their contribution to modern European culture.
- pursue a course which is different and intellectually challenging for able children (without this causing problems by getting ahead of others in their class).
- work together in a small group with other able children at a fast pace.
- undertake independent learning through Latin reading books and use of website activities.

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