

# Latin at St Luke's

## Our Vision for Latin

The Latin curriculum at St Luke's C.E. Primary School aims to develop students' interest in learning other languages in a way that is enjoyable and stimulating. We strive to stimulate and encourage children's curiosity in foreign languages. We help children develop their awareness of cultural differences in other countries. We aim to embed the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing necessary to enable children to use and apply their Latin learning in a variety of contexts and lay the foundations for future language learning.

## What does Latin look like at St Luke's?

Our Latin curriculum is designed to progressively develop the children's skills in languages, through regular taught lessons. Children progressively acquire, use and apply a growing bank of vocabulary organised around topics. Children are encouraged and supported to develop their speaking and listening skills through conversational work, singing activities and games. As confidence and skill grows, children record their work through pictures, captions and sentences. We use the Minimus language programme at St Luke's which is based on a real family who lived at Vindolanda in 100AD.

## Why do we learn Latin?

Latin improves your English. By studying Latin, like other languages, it makes you think in a different way. It gives you a different perspective on everyday life. Latin in particular gives us an insight into our own language, from the way it's structured through to the accent of our words.

## What learning opportunities are there?

In addition to a wide range of practical lessons, where the children develop and build on their skills and knowledge about Latin, there is also the opportunity for children to enrich their understanding through Latin themed days.

## What do the children think?

I like Latin because it makes learning other languages easier.

I like Latin because we come across Latin in everyday life.

I like Latin because I find it quite challenging.

I like Latin because you find out the origins of words.

