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Dear Parents/Carers

After half term, Year 5 and Year 6 will be studying Latin using the Maximum Classics course, a programme encompassing Latin language and the highlights of Roman and Ancient Greek culture.



Mosaic making

Maximum Classics is a course with several aims:

- to support the Key Stage 2 curriculum, especially in English grammar and literacy
- to lay the foundations of future modern foreign language learning at Key Stage 3 and beyond
- to be engaging and fun, and accessible to all abilities through games and creative activity
- to be a relevant and enjoyable pathway for pupils to Classical language, history and culture

Language

The course aims to teach a foundation level in Latin language, focusing on grammatical and etymological (word root) understanding to support English language and literacy, as well as underpinning current and future foreign language learning.



The influence of Latin and Greek languages can be seen everywhere

Culture

The course cherry-picks the 'best bits' of Classical culture, whilst focusing on their relevance to modern history and society. Cultural segments in the course range from food to philosophy, from mosaics to the military, with an emphasis on active debate and hands-on creativity.



Making and playing an authentic Roman board game

In addition to Latin the children will continue to learn French for the other half of each year so they leave KEPS with a wider range of skills to prepare them for the variety of Modern Foreign Languages that are on offer at their chosen secondary school.

If you have any further questions do not hesitate to come and ask.

Many thanks

Mrs Lucie Harvey
MFL coordinator