



Latin SMSC Statement

Life in all its Fullness John 10:10

At Halam C of E Primary School, the teaching of Latin through the **Classics for All** curriculum offers a rich and unique context for the spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development of our pupils. Rooted in our Christian vision and Halam 'APPLE' values, Latin deepens children's appreciation of language, identity, and heritage, helping them to explore big questions about human nature, belonging and belief.

Through stories, myths, traditions, and ancient texts, children encounter the complexity of life in the past and reflect on its relevance today. They are encouraged to engage with difference, show empathy across time and culture, and develop their voice in response to the ancient world and its enduring influence.

Spiritual Development

Latin lessons support spiritual development by encouraging children to explore identity, heritage, and belief across cultures and history. Pupils consider how ancient civilisations expressed values, celebrated life, and explored the human condition. They reflect on moral questions raised in myths, religious practices, and Roman customs, and are encouraged to use imagination and creativity in their own responses.

Through Latin, children:

- Explore the values, beliefs and festivals of the ancient world, reflecting on their meaning and relevance today
- Consider themes such as justice, loyalty, honour, and sacrifice through ancient stories and characters
- Reflect on what it means to belong to a culture or faith, comparing ancient and modern ideas of identity
- Use storytelling and role play to imagine life in Roman society, expressing emotion and perspective
- Celebrate the richness of linguistic heritage as part of God's diverse creation



Moral Development

Latin enhances moral development by providing a lens through which to explore ethical dilemmas and societal values. Pupils compare ancient and modern laws, customs and roles, and reflect on concepts of justice, equality, and civic duty in different cultural contexts.

Through Latin, children:

- Examine moral themes in Roman myths, legends and historical events
- Discuss issues of slavery, power, gender and hierarchy in ancient Rome
- Reflect on how moral values have evolved and which principles endure today
- Challenge stereotypes about ancient societies and consider their complexity
- Show respect for cultural difference and learn that moral codes vary across time and place

Social Development

Latin lessons offer regular opportunities for collaboration, discussion, and shared discovery. Pupils build social confidence through spoken Latin activities, team work, and peer feedback. The classroom becomes a space where curiosity, resilience and empathy are encouraged, and success is shared.

Through Latin, children:

- Work cooperatively in translation tasks, drama-based activities, or problem-solving around grammar
- Learn to communicate ideas clearly and listen to different perspectives
- Support one another in developing new vocabulary and linguistic skills
- Gain confidence through sharing oral responses and performing scenes from myths or Roman life
- Recognise the value of language learning in building bridges between people and communities



Cultural Development

Cultural awareness is at the heart of our Latin curriculum. Children learn about the history, religion, literature, philosophy, and politics of the Roman world, recognising both its influence on Western society and its diversity. They are encouraged to compare cultures respectfully and to appreciate both continuity and change across time.

Through Latin, children:

- Discover the everyday life, beliefs, and practices of ancient Romans, comparing these with their own
- Explore the legacy of Rome in modern law, architecture, language and government
- Celebrate linguistic heritage and understand how Latin shaped European languages and English itself
- Challenge cultural assumptions and stereotypes, developing open-mindedness and curiosity
- Engage with cultural diversity in worship and learning, drawing links between past and present societies