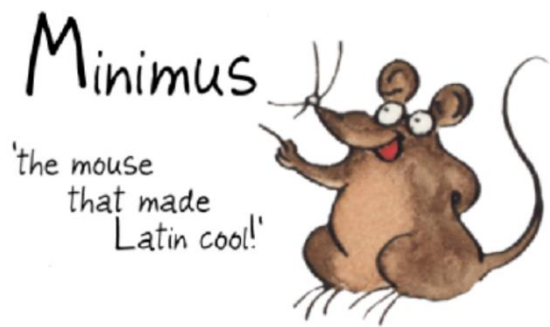
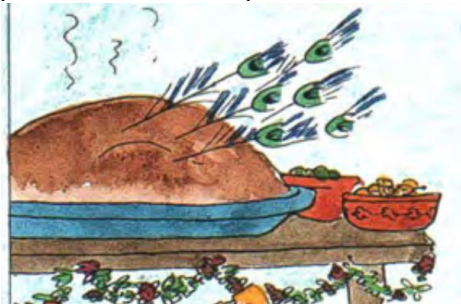


Autumn 2

Minimus Chapter 2



Fun Fact: The Romans used to eat peacock. Can you spot the peacock in this chapter?



We can tell this man is important by looking closely at this picture. What do you notice?



Key vocabulary

Latin	English
eheu!	Oh dear!
villa	house
hortus	garden
cubiculum	bedroom
Tunica	dress
pulchra	pretty
sordida/sordidus	dirty
squalida/squalidus	messy
fessi/fessus	tired
euge!	hurrah!
miles	soldier
vespa	wasp
balaena	whale
equus	horse
cuniculus	rabbit
porcus	pig
est	is
noli tangere	don't touch
noli lacrimare	don't cry
omnes silent	everyone is silent

KEY RULES: GRAMMAR AND PHONICS

- Nouns (naming words) have a gender in Latin. This means they can be masculine (male), feminine (female) or neuter (no gender).

- Feminine nouns often end in the letter *a*.

villa (house)
tunica (dress)
vespa (wasp)

- Masculine nouns often end in the letters *us*.

hortus (garden)
porcus (pig)
equus (horse)

- Adjectives (to describe) must have an ending on them. Masculine adjectives need a masculine ending. Feminine adjectives need a feminine ending.

Some useful adjectives

parva parvus	Small
maxima maximus	Very big
minima minimus	Very small
improba improbus	Naughty
benigna benignus	Friendly
bona bonus	Good
callida callidus	Clever
optima optimus	Very good



Now you see how I got my name. If I were a girl mouse, I would be called Minima!