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## **Year 8 Classics**

Timing	Unit Title	Key Question	Knowledge	Assessing Understanding
Autumn	Stage 9 thermae	How do you recognise and translate the Dative case? What are the typical features of the Roman baths?	<ul> <li>Dative case</li> <li>Key features of Roman baths</li> <li>Stage 9 vocabulary</li> </ul>	How understanding is assessed  Vocabulary: regular tests  Grammar: test of nouns (nom., acc., dat. s.and pl. declensions 1-3); test of present tense  Translation skills:  Sentences/passages for translation from Latin into English  Scaffolded translation of English into Latin  Cultural context: homework tasks; classwork discussion
	Stage 10 rhetor	How do you express a comparison in Latin? Can you recognise and translate all present tense endings?	<ul> <li>Comparatives</li> <li>Present tense recap</li> <li>Stage 10 vocabulary</li> </ul>	
	Stage 11 candidatus	How do you form rhetorical questions in Latin?  How do you translate impersonal verbs?	<ul> <li>Verbs with dative</li> <li>placet + nobis/vobis,</li> <li>num, nonne, -ne,</li> <li>Ways of forming the perfect tenses</li> <li>Stage 11 vocabulary</li> </ul>	November Assessment Point

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Spring	to GCSE I to co	Nouns: how do you recognise and translate 2m nouns in '-er' and 2n nouns?	<ul> <li>The whole of imperfect &amp; perfect tenses + esse</li> <li>Revision of grammar in Book I</li> <li>Stage 12 vocabulary</li> </ul> Course Bk I. Now switch to Cullen and Taylor, Latin ow a cohesive course designed to prepare students of 1 (absolute beginner) needs no recap apart from early. <ul> <li>Chapters 1 and 2 vocabulary (may not cover all Chapter 2 vocab)</li> <li>All forms of 1st-3rd declension nouns except ablative</li> <li>The basis of the Trojan War in myth and in history</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>How understanding is assessed</li> <li>Vocabulary: regular tests</li> <li>Grammar: test of nouns (nom., acc., dat. s.and pl. declensions 1-3); test of present tense</li> <li>Translation skills:         <ul> <li>Sentences/passages for translation from Latin into English</li> <ul> <li>Scaffolded translation of English into Latin</li> <li>Cultural context: homework tasks; classwork discussion</li> </ul> </ul></li> <li>March Assessment Point         <ul> <li>Vocabulary: chapters 1 and 2</li> <li>Nouns: declensions 1-3, all cases except ablative</li> <li>Verbs: present, perfect, imperfect</li> <li>Questions on key grammatical terms</li> <li>Italated grammatical terms</li> <!--</th--></ul></li></ul>
		How do you recognise and translate the genitive case?  What is the background to the Trojan War?		<ul> <li>Questions on key grammatical terms</li> <li>Isolated grammar questions</li> <li>Unseen passage of Latin: comprehension questions and translation</li> </ul>

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Summer	Chapter 2 (p35-58)	How do you recognise and translate the ablative case?  How do prepositions affect the case of the noun they govern?  Why are verbs grouped into conjugations?  How do you recognise and translate the infinitive?  What are the principal parts of verbs and why are they important?  How do you express location: to, from and in cities?  How do you express time 'how long'?	<ul> <li>Grammar: prepositions + abl/+ acc</li> <li>Grammar - verbs: infinitives; principal parts; conjugations</li> <li>Syntax: expressing 'to, from, in' cities; expressing time 'how long'</li> <li>Vocabulary: finish Chapter 2 vocabulary</li> </ul>	
		What were the main events of the Trojan War?		