

Minimusculus songs

1. Welcome song

(tune of Frere Jacques)

Vindolanda, Vindolanda

Minimus, Minimus

Rufus and Vibrissa, Rufus and Vibrissa

salvete! salvete ! (or valete)

2. Lepidina's Lullaby

(tune of Brahms' lullaby)

Settle down, shut your eyes,

Go to sleep, little Rufus,

While the soldiers keep you safe,

Watching on the walls all night.

Snoring mouse, purring cat,

Minimus and Vibrissa,

Warm your feet till you wake

To a new Vindolanda day.

3. Slaves' work song

(tune of Row, row, row your boat)

Scrub, scrub, scrub the plates

Fetch the broom and sweep

Make the dinner

Pour the wine

Now it's time to sleep (Repeat)

5. Little Mouse

(tune of Twinkle, twinkle, little star)

Scamper, scamper, little mouse

In the fort commander's house.

Through the kitchen wall you squeeze

Sniffing out a piece of cheese.

Scamper, scamper, little mouse

In the fort commander's house.



4. Cart song

(tune of the Wheels on the Bus)

1. The wheels on the cart go round and round,
round and round, round and round

The wheels on the cart go round and round

All day long

2. The mouse on the cart says squeak squeak
squeak, squeak squeak squeak, squeak squeak
squeak

The mouse on the cart says squeak squeak squeak

All day long

3. The cat on the cart says miaow miaow miaow,
miaow miaow miaow, miaow miaow miaow,

The cat on the cart says miaow miaow miaow,

All day long

4. The Centurion on the cart says Quick march
now! Quick march now! Quick march now!

The Centurion on the cart says Quick march now!

All day long

5. The horse that pulls the cart is very very slow,
very very slow, very very slow

The horse that pulls the cart is very very slow

All day long

6. The soldiers on the cart get out and push, out
and push, out and push

The soldiers on the cart get out and push

All day long. (Repeat Verse 1.)

6. Soldiers' song

(tune of Here we go round the mulberry bush)

We are the soldiers, strong and brave

Strong and brave, strong and brave

We are the soldiers strong and brave

at the fort of Vindolanda

This is the way we march about

..hold our shields

.. throw our spears

..light the fire at the fort of Vindolanda

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7. Latin numbers

(tune of ten green bottles)

decem bottles hanging on the wall
decem bottles, hanging on the wall
and if **unus** bottle
should accidentally fall
There'd be **novem** bottles
hanging on the wall
octo bottles
septem bottles
sex green bottles
quinque bottles
quattuor bottles
tres green bottles
duo bottles
unus bottle
there'd be no green bottles hanging on the wall.

9. Lesson starter song

(tune of London's burning)

Vindolanda, Vindolanda,
Meet the family, meet the family,
Have fun! Have fun!
Learn some Latin!
Learn some Latin!

10. The great Centurion

(tune of the grand old Duke of York)

Oh the great centurion,
He had one hundred men,
He marched them round and round the camp
And he marched them round again.
And when they were quick he said "Slow!"
And when they were slow he said "Quick!"
And when any tried to disobey
He just hit them with his stick!

8. The Family

(tune of Tommy thumb)

Minimus, Minimus, where are you?
Here I am, *salvete*, how do you do?
Flavius, Flavius, where are you?
Here I am, *salvete*, how do you do?
Lepidina, Lepidina, where are you?
Here I am, *salvete*, how do you do?
Flavia, Flavia, where are you?
Here I am, *salvete*, how do you do?
Iulius, Iulius, where are you?
Here I am, *salvete*, how do you do?
Little Rufus, Little Rufus, where are you?
Here I am, *salvete*, how do you do?
Corinthus, Corinthus, where are you?
Here I am, *salvete*, how do you do?
Candidus, Candidus, where are you?
Here I am, *salvete*, how do you do?
Pandora, Pandora, where are you?
Here I am, *salvete*, how do you do?
Vibrissa, Vibrissa, where are you?
Here I am, *salvete*, how do you do?
(For this: ten round stickers, with family faces,
stuck on fingertips)

