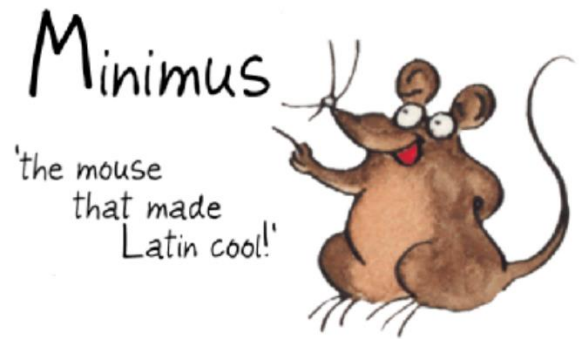


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Minimus Chapter 8



What did the Roman Baths look like?

The typical Roman bath could be quite large with a number of different rooms:

apodyterium This room was the changing room where visitors would take off their clothing before entering the main area of the baths.

tepidarium This room was a warm bath. It was often the main central hall in the bath where the bathers met and talked. **We still use the word tepid to mean 'warm'!**

caldarium This was a hot and steamy room with a very hot bath.

frigidarium This room had a cold bath to cool the bathers at the end of a hot day. **This is where we get the word 'fridge' from.**

Some baths were so big they had multiple hot and cold baths. They also might have a library, a food service, a garden and a reading room!



Roman bath house at Bath, Somerset



The doctor at Vindolanda might have used some tools like these. The palettes and mixing tools were used to mix eye medicines like Flavius's ointment.

Key vocabulary

Latin	English
hilariter	cheerfully
ludunt	They are playing
apodyterium	Changing room
tepidarium	warm room
caldarium	hot room
frigidarium	cold room
recumbunt	They are lying down
ancillae	slave girls
prudenter	skillfully
breviter	for a short time
summergunt	They plunge under water
cum amicis	with friends
garrunt	They are chatting
laetae	happy (pl)
purae	clean (pl)
disumbe!	Lie down!
oculos aperi!	Open your eyes!

Latin adverbs end in -ter

hilariter cheerfully

breviter briefly

prudenter skilfully

segniter lazily

celeriter quickly