

Competition Winner
 Unfortunately last month's entrants did not give their full names and addresses so I have been unable to send out a prize. **The answer was "grain"**

New competition
 Which Roman emperor's name is hidden in these letters?
GAUSUSTV

Send your entry by e-mail or on a post card to the editor by July 31st. The winner will be the writer of the first correct answer drawn out on August 1st.

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Letter from a soldier

Dear Family

It's horrible!
 For a start it's cold and all we have for warmth is a leather coat.
 The beds are uncomfortable!
 The pay is good but the food, usually porridge, bacon and chicken, is sometimes mouldy. Stupidly I lost some money gambling.
 Yesterday I had to clean the latrines (toilets) as a punishment.
 Please send me some new socks and some olives.
 Love from your son

Adam Stapleton
 Southover CE Primary,
 Lewes, East Sussex

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WORD MAZE
 FROM Abby Jones
 Wellesbourne JM School
 Liverripool

How many routes to make Pandora can you find? At least 20 are there.

Cantus

Perhaps you already know this one in French!
Sing these words to the tune of "Frère Jacques"

O mi frater, O Jacobe
 num dormis? num dormis?
 matutin' est hora,
 tintinnare debes,
 tin, tan, ton, tin, tan, ton

Future Mousetraps

These are dependent on you the reader. Please send your contributions to the editor, if possible by e-mail.



Catflap

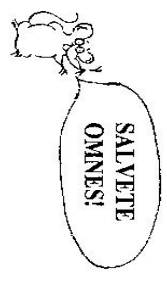
Can you understand Vibrissae?

A Book Review
 "A Step out of Time"
 by Maggie Duncan
 ISBN0-9535091-1-7

Anna Hoogkamer and Naomi Grant of Cringleford Cof E First & Middles Schools, Norfolk found this book which gives us some ideas of life in a Roman city.
 Anna says "I could hardly put the book down. I felt as if I had been transported back in time by the oak tree. I found it quite scary but not too scary. My favourite character was Claire."
 Naomi description was "A gripping read. I enjoyed the fast flowing and exciting plot. It felt very 'real'. My favourite character was Claire because she was clever and quick-thinking."

*The Editor enjoyed it too!
 Perhaps you should try it yourself.*

Send your contribution for the next edition of Mousetrap to the Editor Mrs Pam Macklin at the competition address or to
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Mousetrap

Salvete omnes!
 I know that some of you have now moved on to "Minimus Secundus." I wonder if you have reached Chapter 6 yet? This is the chapter when the family celebrates the "Saturnalia." This was a Roman festival in December, when masters and slaves changed places for a few days. At Clifton High in Bristol where I teach, the year 6 classes have just done this chapter. We had Saturnalia parties. The pupils reclined on benches and their class teacher and I were their slaves and waited on them. We had great fun!

If you have a Saturnalia party, write and tell me all about it.

Valete omnes!