

## Teaching notes on 8.05a Millefiore pots

### Slide 1

Learning objective: To make a replica Roman millefiori pot. The final lesson this unit is an enjoyable reward for all the last few weeks' hard work. In this session, we explore the Roman art of millefiore ('thousand flowers' in Italian) glass making, which is still a style popular today. After investigating how these amazing artefacts are made, pupils will then turn their hand to making their own millefiore bowls from colourful polymer clay.

Mouse-click on this slide will also make lucundus say 'salvete!' ('sal-way-tay') to the class. This means 'hello!' The pupils can reply by saying 'salve!' ('sal-way'). 'Salve' is the greeting used to one person and 'salvete' is a greeting to more than one.

lucundus then decides to talk about the weather and asks us, [mouse-click] 'hodie' ('today'):

[mouse-click] 'pluit?' – 'is it raining?'

[mouse-click] 'sol lucet' – 'is the sun shining?'

[mouse-click] 'ventus efflavit' – 'is the wind blowing?'

[mouse-click] 'nix adest' – 'is there snow?'

The pupils can reply in Latin with, 'hodie...' and the phrase that best describes the weather e.g. 'hodie sol lucet' ('Today the sun is shining').

### Slide 2

Shows some examples of Roman millefiori glasswork (from the V&A).

### Slide 3

An explanation (on mouse-click) of how millefiori glass is made. There is also a good video at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw\\_yUsTVS0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw_yUsTVS0) showing the modern technique. It's not too dissimilar to how the Romans did it.

### Slides 4-8

The instructions for making a millefiori pot out of polymer clay. These instructions are also on a printable worksheet you can give the pupils.

Polymer clay can be bought fairly cheaply: this pack from Amazon ([https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B00MVG3X6Y/ref=sr\\_ph\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1485265670&sr=sr-1&keywords=polymer+clay](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B00MVG3X6Y/ref=sr_ph_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1485265670&sr=sr-1&keywords=polymer+clay)) easily provides enough clay for one class.