

Emperors and Empires



These activities are for you to do at home with an adult. You can do all of them or choose the ones that you find most interesting.

Activities

1. Use a range of sources to create a timeline, showing the chronology of the Roman Empire from 753 BC to AD 476. Highlight the dates that show when the Romans were in Britain.
2. Find out about the everyday lives of children in ancient Rome, using a selection of historical source materials. Write an imaginative diary entry, from the point of view of a Roman child, that includes correct historical information.
3. With an adult, find a picture of a Roman soldier. Print the image then label their clothing and armour.
4. Put these people into a diagram to show the hierarchy of ancient Rome.

emperor

slaves

plebeians and freed people

patricians

equites

Write a short paragraph to describe the different roles that these people played in Roman society.

5. Use a range of historical source materials to find out how the Roman invasion transformed the lives of the Celtic Britons. Use the information gathered to write a short non-chronological report with the title 'How the Romans changed Britain'.
6. Visit the Roman Vindolanda Fort & Museum website to find out about artefacts and tablets found at Vindolanda, near Hadrian's Wall. Explore the website to gather information and organise your findings in a Vindolanda knowledge organiser.
7. The Romans worshiped many different gods. Find out about these gods and write a short profile about each one.

Jupiter

Diana

Pluto

Mars

Juno



8. By AD 410, Roman troops had left Britain and returned to Rome. Find out about the impact of the Roman withdrawal and write a short descriptive account, blog or presentation to explain what happened.
9. Finish your home learning by writing a summary of the topic, explaining what you have learned about ancient Rome, the Roman Empire and the Roman invasion of Britain.

Useful websites

Roman Vindolanda Fort & Museum

Roman Britain – BBC Bitesize

DKfindout! – Romans

Day in the Life of a 10-year-old in Roman Britain – BBC Hands on History

Good reads

| Title | Author | ISBN |
|--|-----------------|---------------|
| What the Romans Did For Us (From Takeaways to Motorways) | Alison Hawes | 9781408112861 |
| Romans on the Rampage | Jeremy Strong | 9780141357713 |
| Rotten Romans (Horrible Histories) | Terry Deary | 9781407163840 |
| Ancient Rome (Eyewitness) | DK | 9780241187753 |
| See Inside Ancient Rome (An Usborne Flap Book) | Katie Daynes | 9780746070031 |
| The Romans: Gods, Emperors and Dormice | Marcia Williams | 9781406354553 |

