Session outline

Discover how to unlock additional information about life in Roman times through exploring Latin Inscriptions.

Activity 1: Reading like a Roman

• Find out about a Roman cavalry officer and his family using Roman numerals to get started.
• Search the gallery looking for more inscriptions and find out more about real men and women in Roman society and the jobs they did.

Activity 2: Talk like a Roman

• Get enlisted in the army and will be drilled using Roman commands.
• Learn about insults inscribed on Roman sling bullets and play an insult matching game.
• Take part in drama activities bringing to life a Roman bas relief carving.

Activity 3: Object handling

• Handle original and replica objects to discover more about things that real people from the past made and used.

Activity 4: Write like a Roman

• Become a Roman citizen taking on a name and a nickname.
• Make a Latin Inscription on EVA foam to take back to school.

Learning Outcomes

• Understanding more about the life of real people in the Roman Empire through written evidence.
• Improved linguistic awareness - discovering that our language has been heavily influenced by Latin.
• Knowledge and understanding of using archaeological evidence to learn about the past.
• Understanding more about the different kinds of materials used by craftsmen.
• Improved speaking and listening skills.

‘The year 6 class absolutely loved this’

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Pre visit activities

• Look at a map of Roman Empire.
• Look at Roman numerals.

Post visit activities

• Follow up on the write like a Roman activity picking the letters our in red felt pen.
• Choose a job and make a votive plaque to a god to help you with your work.
• Make sling bullets using polystyrene eggs.
• Design your own Roman coin.
• Discover more about eating and drinking in the Roman world, and the similarities and differences with today. Create your own Roman menu. If possible have Roman feast.

Resources

The following resources are available to download on our website: www.ashmolean.org/learning-resources

• Images of some of the objects used in the session.
• Felix gem jigsaw activity.

http://latininscriptions.ashmus.ox.ac.uk/resources/ for more activities and information about Latin Inscriptions including votive plaque and sling bullet activities.

This bronze votive plaque is dedicated to Hercules by a tribune called Marus from the 20th legion. The inscription reads, ‘DEO HERCULL MARUS TRIB LEG XX FEC’. ‘To the god Hercules made by Tribune Marus from the 20th legion.’

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