

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

14 AUGUST

Roman Family Activities, London's Roman Amphitheatre

15 AUGUST + 16 AUGUST

Roman Quest Family Activities run in conjunction with London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE and London Museum.

See website for more details.

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1. COMMUNICATIONS

City Information Centre

Prior Weston Primary School, Parliament Class

The Romans were always sending messages. Books, letters, even milestones by the side of roads giving destinations and their distances.

One milestone just outside the Roman Fort of Vindolanda, on Hadrian's Wall, has stood for almost 2000 years. Inspired by the first stop on this trail, Parliament class have created some of their own Roman milestones.

2. THE ARMY

Noble Street

Mandeville Primary School, Mercury Class

Visible in the gardens below is part of the Roman City Wall. Stretching for nearly three kilometres, these impressive walls once protected the people of Londinium.

Only the lowest part of the wall you can see is Roman. Rebuilt and repaired over the years, today this is a very complicated piece of archaeology!

RE-IMAGINING LONDINIUM



Hidden below the streets of the modern City of London are the remains of an earlier settlement. Founded almost 2000 years ago by the Romans, Londinium quickly grew into the largest, most important city in the province.

Re-imagining Londinium takes a new look at the most important city in Roman Britain. Working with an archaeologist and an artist, primary school children from London have created eight new artworks inspired by the ancient city.

Follow this trail to discover the eight artworks, each inspired by a different theme. Along the way there are things to spot, archaeology to discover and green spaces in which to take a break.

3. THE GAMES

London's Roman Amphitheatre

Kingsmead Primary School, Ness Class

Every important Roman city needed an amphitheatre. Discovered by archaeologists in 1988, the remains of London's oldest sporting venue are preserved in the basement of the Guildhall Art Gallery.

A visit to the games lasted all day. Gladiators fought wild animals in the morning and other gladiators in the afternoon.

Artwork only visible during Guildhall Art Gallery opening times.

4. TRAVEL

Cheapside

Grasmere Primary School, Year 4 Class

Londinium was a well-connected city. People and goods from around the Roman world arrived by ship on the River Thames. Well-built roads criss-crossed the city and Londinium was at the centre of a network of roads covering the province.

One of the most important, running through the city from east to west, ran very close to where you are standing now.

ROMAN BRITAIN

On the trail, can you spot...?

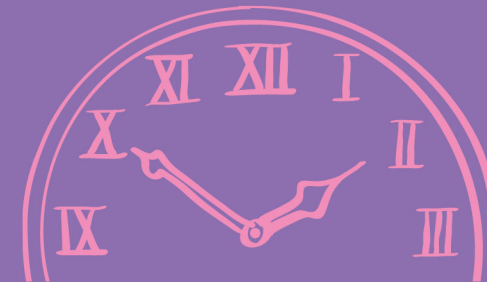
- The Romans may have left Britain a long time ago – but many of the buildings in the City of London today were inspired by the past.

Can you spot any buildings that look Roman?

- Roman cities were decorated with lots of statues.
- Can you spot a statue of a Roman god or goddess?***

- The Romans had different numbers to us. They used Roman numerals.

Can you spot any Roman numerals?



5. FAMILY

Mansion House

New North Academy, Hampstead Heath Class

In most Roman Families, children would not go to school. They would help their parents around the house and would probably start work at an early age.

Wealthy children would have private tutors to teach them. One of the most important subjects they would be taught was rhetoric – the art of persuasive speaking or writing – very useful for a career in politics.

6. TRADE

Leadenhall Market

Prior Weston, Trafalgar Class

Beneath this impressive Victorian market, archaeologists found the remains of a Roman market, or Forum as it was called. Here you could buy goods from around the Roman world and beyond: olives from Spain, pottery from France and perhaps even pepper from India.

RE-IMAGINING LONDINIUM

A young person's view of the Roman city

Follow the trail to discover eight new artworks inspired by Roman London 19 July – 01 September.



7. BATHING

Billingsgate Roman House and Baths

Harry Gosling Primary School, Lilac Class

The Romans loved to relax at the Baths. Can you believe archaeologists working in London have discovered the remains of 11 bathhouses so far?

Billingsgate Roman Baths was one of the smallest. With three main rooms, these private baths were probably used exclusively by the rich family who lived in this house.

Access to Billingsgate Roman House and Baths is by guided tour only (see website for details).

8. HOUSE AND GARDEN

St Dunstan in the East Church Garden

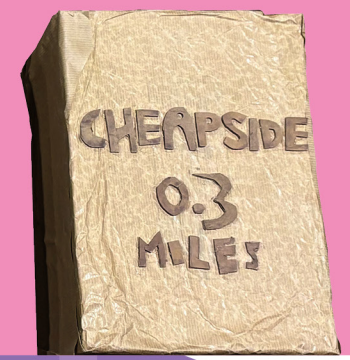
Harry Gosling Primary School, Purple Class

Archaeologists have found many different types of house in Londinium. Most were built of wood with two or three rooms and perhaps a small outside space for growing flowers and vegetables.

The largest houses were built of brick and stone with beautifully decorated rooms and large gardens filled with flower beds, statues and fountains.

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(Theme: FAMILY)
St. Paul's Churchyard,
London EC4M 8BX



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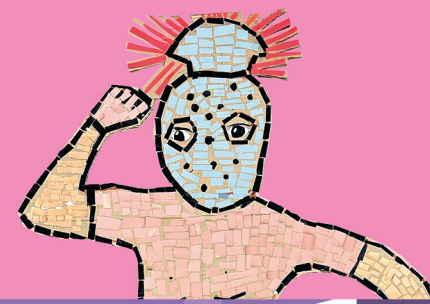
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Noble Street
(Theme: ARMY)
Noble St,
London EC1A 4HJ



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Guildhall Art Gallery
& London's Roman
Amphitheatre
(Theme: THE GAMES)
Guildhall Yard,
London EC2V 5AE



LONDINIUM TIMELINE

43 CE
Romans successfully conquered Britain, led by the emperor Claudius.

47-50 CE
Londinium founded.

60-1 CE
Boudicca leads a rebellion against Roman forces. Londinium destroyed.

410 CE
Traditional date for the end of Roman Britain.

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Lloyd's Building

LEADENHALL PL
LIME ST

FENCHURCH ST

10 min

EASTCHEAP

7

8

LOWER THAMES ST

4

Cheapside
(Theme: TRAVEL)
St Mary Le Bow Church,
Cheapside, London
EC2V 6AU



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Mansion House
(Theme: FAMILY)
London EC4N 8BH



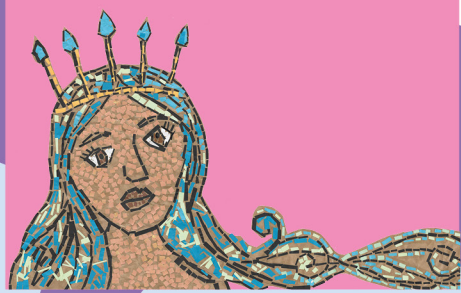
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Leadenhall Market
(Theme: TRADE)
Gracechurch St,
London EC3V 1LT



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Billingsgate Roman
House & Baths
(Theme: BATHING)
101 Lower Thames St,
London EC3R 6DL



8

St Dunstan in the East
Church Garden
(Theme: HOUSE AND GARDEN)
St Dunstan's Hill,
London EC3R 5DD



St Paul's



10 min

5 min

7 min

7 min

Mansion House



Bank



CORNHILL

Monument



ST MARTIN'S LE GRAND

NOBLE ST

GRESHAM ST

GUTTER LA

KING ST

BASINGHALL ST

LOTHBURY

PRINCE'S ST

THREADNEEDLE ST

POULTRY

WALBROOK

KING WILLIAM ST

LOMBARD ST

GRACECHURCH ST

CANNON ST

GODLIMAN ST

