

Roman Life

A KS2 curriculum based activity sheet for the whole family

Census

The Roman Empire extended across lots of different countries. In order to count all the millions of people who lived within it, a census was carried out every five years. It recorded every male in the empire, who was in his family and any property he owned.

Here in the UK a census is taken every 10 years. The next one will be in 2021. You can find out more about censuses at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Carry out a census of everybody living in your house. Make a table like our example below. Is there any additional information you want to record?

Name	Date of Birth	Gender	Occupation	Pets

Find out more...

Many of the buildings made 2,000 years ago by the Romans remain standing and some are still being used today! The largest is an amphitheatre in Rome called the Colosseum. See if you can find out more about it including what it was used for and how many spectators it held.



Build to last!

Imagine you are a Roman architect. Design and draw a new building for the ancient city of Rome. What will your building be used for and what will you build it out of? Watch this [BBC Bitesize video](#) about how Roman cities were designed and built to give you some ideas.

Roman Numerals

The Romans used a different numbering system from the one that we use today. They used letters!

I II III IV V VI VII VIII IX X XI XII

Have a look at this Roman Numerals chart at www.knowtheromans.co.uk and use it to learn the numerals. You could write out your families birth dates. Occasionally, we still see Roman Numerals used today, can you find any around your home?

Did you know...

... there is no roman numeral for 0, and the roman numeral system was so complicated that fractions had to always be written as words!

Roman living

Take a tour of a Roman Villa. Is it anything like your home?

What do you think of Romola's favourite dish? Would you eat it if you went to one of her dinner parties?

Plan a dinner party for your family, write a menu and shopping list. Hopefully you won't need a vomitorium!



[Tour of a Roman Villa](#)



How are you helping?

These activities will help your child to:

- Think and talk about themselves and their family
- Develop imagination, and creativity
- Cooperate and learn together.