

### Notes for teachers

#### National curriculum links

- History P levels 1–8 Pupils encounter activities and experiences, pupils explore objects, pupils ask and answer simple questions about objects.
- NC Levels 1–3 Pupils recognise the distinction between present and past, pupils handle objects and make simple observations, pupils answer questions about the past.

#### About this session

**Location** Clore Centre for Education

**Format** Students use looking, touching, listening and smelling to explore eating and drinking in Roman Britain

**Capacity** 10 students

**Duration** 10.30–14.00 with lunch break and comfort breaks included as part of the day

**Price** Free

**Note** After lunch we recommend that you visit the Roman Britain gallery (Room 49) with your students. The handling session in the morning will be led by a member of Museum staff and in the afternoon you will be responsible for guiding your students around the galleries yourself.

#### In detail

- The session begins with an introduction to Roman Britain. The students then find out all about eating and drinking in Roman Britain using objects, photographs, sounds, smells and textures.
- You are welcome to take photographs of your students and the objects throughout the workshop.
- We recommend that students wash their hands after the session.
- After lunch we recommend that you take your students to visit the Roman Britain (Room 49) and Imperial Rome (Room 70) galleries on the Upper Floor of the Museum.

#### Before your visit

- Introduce/revise the key themes and vocabulary listed below.
- Locate modern Italy on a globe and find out which other countries (including Britain) were once part of the Roman empire.
- The students could listen to the story of Romulus and Remus.
- The students could try some of the foods which the Romans introduced to Britain such as cherries, grapes, garlic and celery. We are unable to provide materials for students to taste at the Museum but you are welcome to bring appropriate foods, such as cherries or grapes, to the Museum for the students to taste under your direction during the session.
- Use the Look inside and What will happen? [whiteboard presentations](#) to get ready for your visit.

## **After your visit**

- Back at school the students can record information about eating and drinking in Roman Britain using photos, drawings, words and objects.
- Act out your own version of a Roman cookery programme.
- The students could explore foods which we eat from modern Italy such as pizza, Italian cheeses, tomato based sauce and pasta.
- Find out about the Vindolanda tablets, which were written in Roman Britain, on the Museum's Ancient Civilizations learning site [www.ancientcivilizations.co.uk](http://www.ancientcivilizations.co.uk)
- Investigate what foods are mentioned on the tablets and decide if we still eat them today. Find out about other aspects of Roman life in *V-mail: Letters from the Romans at Vindolanda Fort near Hadrian's Wall* by Katharine Hoare (British Museum Press).

## **Find out more**

- More SEN [resources and sessions](#)
- Related galleries: 49, 70, 69
- Take a look at the galleries with [Google Street View](#)
- Search the [collection online](#)

## Visit notes for students and adult helpers

You can print this summary sheet and take it with you during your visit.

### Learning objectives

- To discover Roman Britain
- To find out about Roman kitchens.
- To learn about Roman food and drink.

### Key words

- Roman Britain
- the Romans
- the Roman empire
- food
- drink
- kitchen
- spoon
- pottery
- herbs
- spices

### Roman Britain (led by Museum staff)

- The students are introduced to Roman Britain and hear about the Roman empire.

### Eating and drinking objects (led by Museum staff)

- The students use objects, photographs, sounds, smells and textures to explore eating and drinking in Roman Britain.

### Visiting the galleries (led by teacher)

- The students may visit the Roman Britain gallery (Room 49) to look at lots of things from Roman Britain including plates, pots and spoons.
- The students may visit the Imperial Rome gallery (Room 70) where they will see statues of Roman emperors and their wives – don't forget to take their photograph with the emperor!

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