

Information for Teachers

Really Roman KS2+ Session

at Peterborough Museum



The museum has a fantastic collection of Roman finds that tell the local Roman story of Durobrivae, from fortress to prosperous Roman town. There are four activities in this full day.

Life in Durobrivae

In our Archaeology Gallery, pupils step back in time to 300 AD and explore what life might have been like in the local Roman town of Durobrivae.

As slaves, they help prepare for a special banquet at Castor Palace including chores in the kitchen and buying food from the Durobrivae market stall.

"It feels real, like you're actually a Roman person. The jewellery and pottery looked beautiful. It was an activity more than just walking around which was nicer."

I loved it that we had to plan our governor's feast with food and entertainment using the money to buy the food - and you had to get the change right or the shopkeeper would give you less money and ask for more money!"

(Year 5 pupil from Castor Primary School)

Pottery Apprentice

Learn the skills of a Roman potter. Make a Roman pot or a face inspired by our Roman collection to take back to school unfired.

Meet a Roman surgeon or soldier

Meet the **Roman surgeon** to find out about Roman health and hygiene. Beware! The surgeon might need volunteers. Using scenarios, find out how a broken leg was mended, what was the best cure for a headache or even toothache. Compare with medical procedures from other historical periods, including present day.

Meet the **Roman soldier** to find out what it was like to be in the Roman army. Handle real and replica artefacts and try on Roman armour.

Archaeology Detectives

Be an Archaeologist as you explore what Archaeology tells us about the Romans. Finds have just been brought into the museum but without labels! Handle real Roman pottery fragments and look for evidence in the gallery.



National Curriculum links: History, English, Art.

Learning objectives:

Participating in this Really Roman day, pupils will:

- develop a chronological understanding of the Roman period.
- develop an understanding of how our understanding of the past is constructed from a range of sources.
- understand and appreciate what impact the Roman Empire and Romanisation had on the local area.
- develop analytical skills when identifying Roman artefact.
- gain confidence in participating in discussions and presentations.
- improve mastery in sculpture techniques using clay.

Other information:

Duration:	Full day: 10 am – 2:15 pm.
Cost:	£200 per class. Minimum charge for 25 or less pupils is £180.
Maximum group size:	Maximum number per group is 35 and the site can accommodate up to two groups at any one time. Talk to us if you would like to bring three groups on one day.
Recommended ratio:	Minimum 1 adult to 10 students.
What to bring:	Boxes to transport craft back to school.
Booking information:	To book, please contact us by phone or email. When the activities and date are agreed, a booking form and risk assessment is emailed to you. To confirm the visit we ask that you complete the booking form and email it back to us.
A note about behaviour:	School teachers have overall responsibility for the behaviour of their pupils and we expect you to support Museum Staff with this where necessary. As you know, pupils benefit significantly when school adults also get involved in the activities so please join in where appropriate.
And for this Really Roman day...  	<p>During the 'Life in Durobrivae' activity, children take photos with our ipads. If you would like a copy of these images before they are deleted at the end of your day, please come with a USB memory stick. We will upload the photos onto the memory stick (this may be done straight after your visit when you can then pick it up after school).</p> <p>A Really Roman Teachers' Resource Pack is available to download from our website; https://www.vivacity-peterborough.com/for-schools/heritage-for-schools/learning-at-peterborough-museum/.</p> <p>For schools in Peterborough, a set of two Really Roman loan boxes can be borrowed for free for a week, prior or after your museum visit. The objects and activities in this set compliment the museum visit activities. You will be asked on the booking form whether you would like this additional resource. Further information on this resource is available on our website.</p>
Outreach?	Our Roman surgeon can come to your school where pupils find out about daily life of Romans through the theme of medicine. Links are made to modern medicine. therefore it links very well to the question; what did the Romans ever do for us? Please contact us for further information and costs.

"The day was organised beautifully with a range of activities delivered well. The staff were fantastic, knowledgeable and engaged the children" (Teacher at Ayscough Hall School, 2017)

"The activities provided a good starting point for upcoming learning and allowed children to use what they had already learnt" (Teacher at Stanground St Johns, 2017)

We are happy to tweak the sessions according to your needs.

We welcome and encourage pre-visits.