



Welcome to your Discovery Box

Here you will find exciting activities and fun facts to prepare you for your next unit of study.

Within this box you will find:

- fun facts and information
- craft activities
- puzzles and games
- a recipe

We hope you find these activities engaging and entertaining, but most of all that they make you **curious** to learn more.

Create your own mosaic

Roman mosaics were popular in public buildings and homes, and many examples can still be seen today. Mosaics were made from hundreds of small pieces of coloured stones and gems (called 'tesserae') put together to make a picture or pattern.



Can you create your own Roman mosaic picture or pattern?

Materials needed:

- Gummed paper
- Brush
- Plain paper

Instructions

To create your mosaic:

1. Rip the larger tiles into small squares, triangles (or any shape of your choosing).
2. Arrange these into a picture or pattern.
3. Add water to the reverse of the tiles and fix them down onto the plain paper.
4. Be creative and have fun!



What the Romans left behind...

The Romans gave us:

Language

The language we use today was developed from the language used by the Romans. The Romans spoke and wrote in Latin and many of our words are based on Latin words.

The calendar

Did you know that the calendar we use today is more than 2,000 years old? It was started by Julius Caesar, a Roman ruler. It is based on the movement of the Earth around the Sun, and so is called the 'solar calendar'. The solar calendar has 365 days a year, and 366 days every leap year (every fourth year). The names of our months are taken from the names of Roman gods and rulers. The month 'July', in fact, is named after Julius Caesar himself!



Laws and a legal system

The laws and ways we determine what to do with someone who is accused of breaking a law came originally from the Roman Empire.

The Census

The Roman Empire was huge and included millions of people living over a large area. How did they keep track of all these people? Easy—they counted them! The Roman Empire began the practice of taking a census, or a 'count', of all the people within its boundaries every so often. Today, many countries like ours take a census every ten years.

Can you solve this word search?

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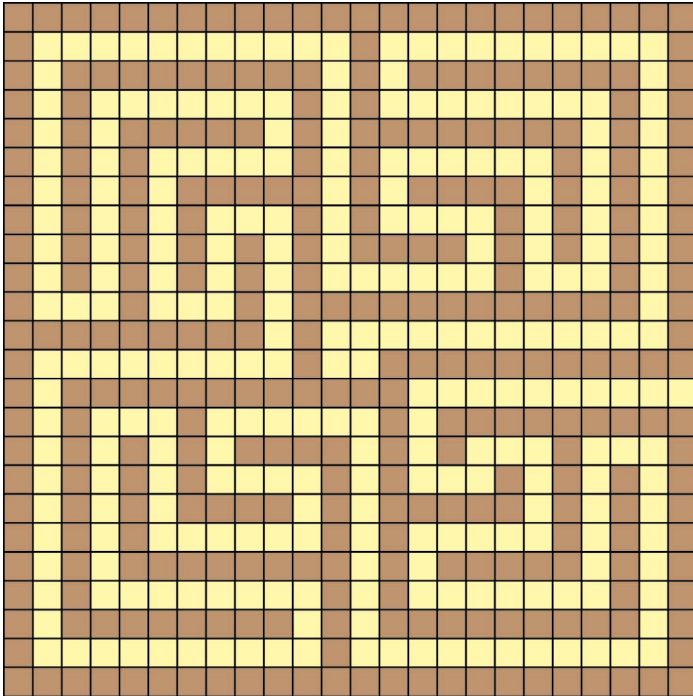
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Mosaic mazes

Can you follow the path to the centre?



This is an example of a Roman maze that can be found on Roman mosaics. Mazes were something the Romans almost certainly developed from Greek culture and the Labyrinth of Crete.

These mosaics were called mazes but the fact that they only have one path makes them labyrinths and not mazes at all. (A maze has many different paths and options whereas a labyrinth only has one path.)

Can you find other examples of Roman mosaics or mazes?

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Ova Spongia ex Lacte

This Ancient Roman recipe translates into 'Eggs with Honey'. It is a type of scrambled eggs, served with warm honey and black pepper...Delicious!

YOU WILL NEED AN ADULT TO HELP MAKE THIS RECIPE!

Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients:

3 tablespoons clear, runny honey

4 eggs

275ml milk

25g butter

1 tablespoon olive oil

Pinch of black pepper



Method:

1. In a large bowl, beat the eggs and add the milk and oil.
2. Put the butter into a frying pan and heat it until it is sizzling hot.
3. Carefully add the egg, milk and oil mixture and whisk with a fork.
4. Keep whisking until the mixture goes solid and less wet.
5. When the mixture is cooked through, spoon it onto a plate.
6. Pour the honey over the scrambled eggs.
7. Sprinkle over a little black pepper.
8. Enjoy!

Coins

The Romans introduced coins to Britain as a way of making trade easier across the whole Roman Empire. Coins were also used to spread messages and ensure everyone knew who the Emperor was.

Design your own Roman coin below.

