



COVID 19

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Handling Box Contents List

The Roman Era

Pottery

The Romans used pottery vessels for many different things, including containers for food and drink and as oil lamps for light. Broken vessels and pottery shards are a common find on archaeological dig sites.

Amphora (Replica)

Amphorae are storage jars that would have contained olive oil or wine, and would have been imported from the Roman Empire.

Pottery Oil Lamps x 3 (Replica)

Bag of Pottery Shards (Original)

Personal Items

The Romans were very conscious of fashions and keeping clean. Wealthy people wore highly decorative clothing and jewellery. Bathing was considered very important and there were communal bath houses in most Roman towns, where people gathered to keep clean, socialise and relax.

Torcs x 2 (Replica)

Torcs are bracelets that are solid and have an opening on one edge.

Pair of Sandals (Replica)

Soldiers would have been expected to march across long distances, so they would have needed sturdy footwear, such as sandals with hob-nail soles.

Chatelaine x 2 (Replica)

A chatelaine is like a personal grooming kit. These examples include 3 metal items on a strap or ring, including a ear scoop and tweezers!

Spongia x 2 (Replica)

These sponges on sticks are the Roman version of toilet paper! They would be soaked in vinegar between uses.

Strigil x 2 (Replica)

A Strigil was an implement that was used for cleansing. The Romans did not use soap in the same way that we do today. Instead they rubbed oil into their skin and then scraped it off (along with the dirt and sweat), using a strigil.

Games and Toys

The Romans loved playing board games and examples of boards have been found scratched into stones or wood across the Roman world. Children also liked toys and played with similar sorts of toys to those children still play with today. They had dolls and doll houses, animals made from wood, balls and even yo-yos!

Knucklebones Game Sets x 3 (Replica)

This game is played individually and is similar to Jacks. Over the centuries it has gradually changed to include a ball and the knucklebones have changed to metal jacks or developed into dice. Instructions are included.

Dice (Replica)

Children's Wooden Horse Toy (Replica)

Miscellaneous

Coins (Replica - Grouped coins in mounted cards x 3)

Roman emperors ensured that the people they ruled over knew their face by having it featured on the coins they minted. This is something that survives to this day with our reigning monarch being featured on our currency.

Loom Weight (Original)

Fabric was created by being woven on a structure called a loom. Weights were used to keep the vertical threads taut, whilst horizontal threads were woven amongst them.

Mouse Figurine (Replica)



Small figures or symbolic items were used by the Romans as offerings, called votives, to the different Roman Gods. They served to give thanks or ask for good fortune on a particular matter.

Wax Tablets x 8 and Stylus x 8 (5 metal/3 wood) (Replica)

The Romans didn't use paper like we do now. Instead they often used wax tablets, which were covered with a layer of beeswax that words could be inscribed into using a pointed stylus. When they wanted to write something else, they simply scratched away the old writing.

Mosaic image of snail (historically inspired)

Wealthy Roman houses displayed intricate mosaics on the floors and frescoes on the walls. Mosaics were made from lots of small stone squares called tesserae.

Old and New Images Sorting Activity

Supporting images, books and timelines

Pack of Photocards x 2 (Roman Britain Part 1 and 2)

Pack of Activity Cards 'Thinking Roman Cards' – Set of 20 (missing 8,25,44,49 &61)

Ordnance Survey Map of Roman Britain

Book 'How to be a Roman in 21 easy steps'

Book 'The History and Activities of the Roman Empire'

Book 'Who were the Romans?'

Book 'Horrible Histories – Rotten Romans'

Book 'What the Romans did for us'

Book 'The Usbourne Official Roman Soldiers Handbook'

Book 'See Inside Ancient Rome'

Roman timeline x 2

Folder of local Information sheets, images and information on the handling items

Artefacts are not to be handled without adult supervision



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