

ROMAN DAY

Year 3 & 4 had an amazing Roman Day on Tuesday 9th October 2018 when Michael and Paddy from The Outreach Team of Durham University's Oriental Museum joined us. We were amazed at the fantastic Roman outfits the children arrived in. It was clear to see lots of effort and research went into them. The children were so excited to share them with their class and become a Roman for the day!

Our day started with learning all about the Roman Empire and how the Romans fought the Celts when they invaded Britannia in 61AD. The children studied pictures of maps and noticed how the Empire grew over time. After, the children were also asked to look at an ancient picture of Rome. They discovered what the Coliseum was used for and that Romans loved chariot racing as much as some of Year 3 & 4 love football! They saw how the Romans transported their water with their cleverly designed aqueducts and they could see the type of houses that rich Romans lived in, they were called villas.

Then, we became detectives. We looked at artefacts which had been excavated by archaeologists. Some of the artefacts were 1900 years old! We were so lucky to hold them and inspect them. We completed some observational drawings, wrote detailed descriptions and made our predictions of what they may have been used for in Roman times. Ravenna and in some villas in Pompeii. The children were given traditional Roman patterns and then asked to use small coloured clay tiles to design and make their own mosaic. They did an amazing job!

Finally, the children acted out the first invasion to Britain led by Julius Caesar. The children loved acting out the parts of the Roman soldiers and Celts and learned a great deal about Julius Caesar, Emperor Caligula and Emperor Claudius.

The children had to justify their thinking and use evidence that they had previously learned to back up their theories. Everyone particularly enjoyed inspecting the armour and some even got to try it on! Before lunch, we found out all about each artefact, where they were found and what they were used for. The children were blown away with how different Roman life was compared to their own.

After lunch, the children learned all about the formation of the Roman army and how it helped them to conquer so many countries. The Roman army was made up of Cohorts, cavalry and officers. They learned about the different weapons a soldier would have to carry and use and about their equipment and clothes. The children had many fascinating questions.

