

Public parks

The Romans were the first to make sure that in towns there were green spaces where people could relax and walk. There were even rivers and lakes to swim in.

Some even had simple play areas for children!



The Calendar

The calendar that we use today is roughly the same as the Roman's one (they started it). Some of our months are named after Roman Gods and rulers.



Month	Origin
January	Roman God Janus
March	Roman God Mars
May	Roman Goddess Maia
July	Emperor Julius Caesar
August	Emperor Augustus Caesar

Language

Many words that we use today are almost directly from the Roman language of Latin. The languages of countries that were in the Roman Empire all are very similar.

Latin Prefixes Used in English Words		
Latin Prefix	Meaning	English Words
in, im, il	not	inactive, impossible, illogical
inter	among, between	international
com, co	together, with	communicate, cooperate
pre	before	precede
post	after, behind	postpone
re	back, again	remember
semi	half	semicircle
sub	under, less than, inferior to	submarine
trans	across, through	transportation



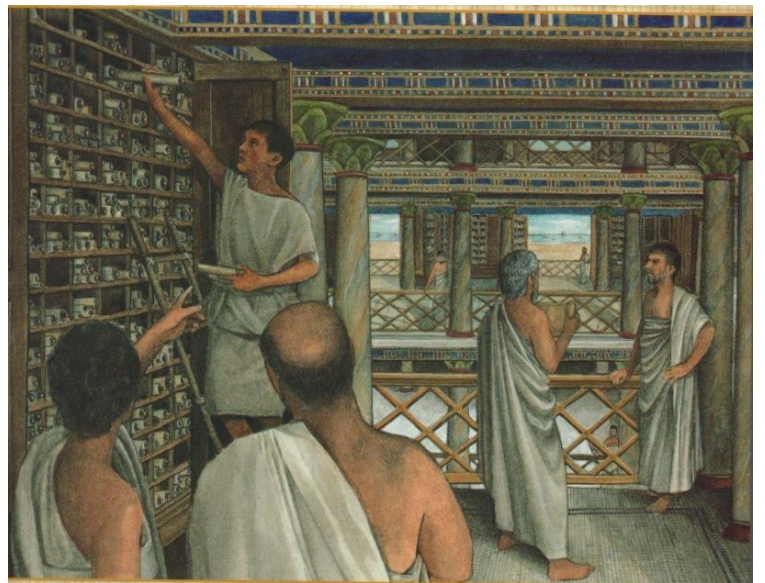
fabula = story
English = fable



calidum = warm or hot
English = cauldron

Libraries

The Romans loved reading the writing of others, they would be kept in scrolls in buildings where people could come and look at them. Many Roman plays still survive today because of their libraries.



Public heated baths

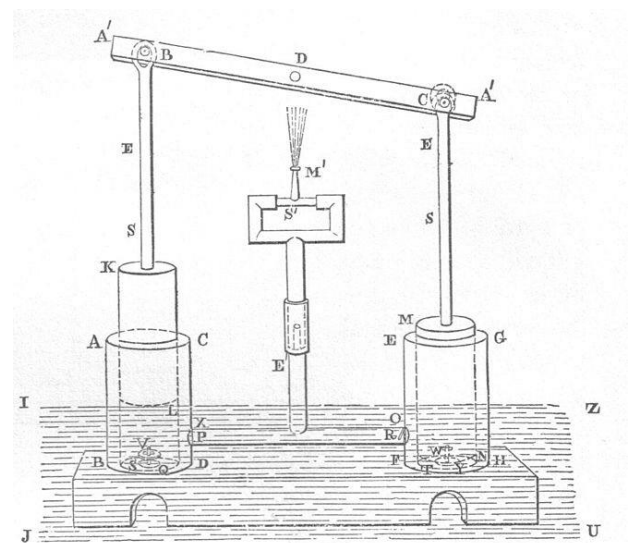
The Roman baths were like a modern day leisure centre.

There were swimming pools, gyms and saunas. They were used for people to keep clean, relax or just keep fit.



Firemen, Police and Laws

The Romans introduced the police and fire service to Britain. The laws and how we decide what to do with someone (trial by jury) when they are accused of doing something wrong, came originally from the Roman Empire



Clean Water

The Romans always made sure that there was free water available to all people in their towns. They made sure this water was pure and clear.

Rich people got it in their houses, poor people from fountains.

