

Your task is to create a mind-map of all the things that we still use now that was developed/invented by the Romans. If you want to challenge yourself, you can write this out into full sentences and organise into paragraphs.

Below is a list of key things that the Romans introduced to Britain. However, you may also want to use these useful links to see videos, poems and further information to help you.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zwjhfrd>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Romans.html>

<http://www.history-for-kids.com/romans-did.html>

Apples, pears and grapes

The Romans liked to eat and where ever they went they looked to grow fruit there. They also brought cabbage, carrots, onions and peas!! Many of their meals were made up of fruit and vegetables only.



Coins

The Romans were the first to introduce coins to Britain. Before the Romans, if you wanted something from another person or trader, you would swap things for what you wanted.

Cats

The Romans brought cats with them from Egypt. Cats were used to control the population of mice and rats in cities. Anyone who killed a cat was severely punished; they were seen as a sign of good luck.

Cement and Bricks

The Romans invented concrete and it was used to build all over the empire. The concrete foundations of the Roman amphitheatre in London were found to be 18 meters thick!! They even invented a concrete that could dry out and go hard under water.



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

Glass

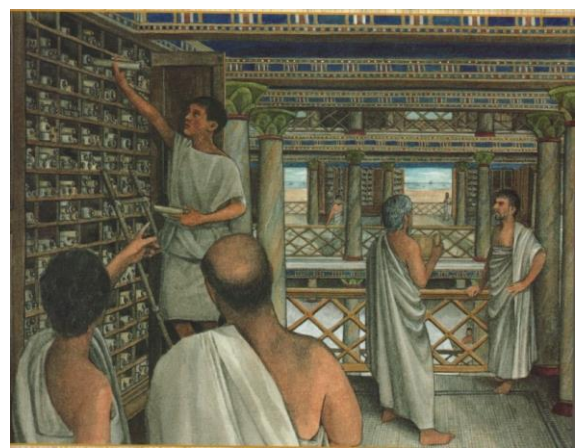
The Romans brought Glass to Britain, not only for drinking from, but also for windows in important buildings. Before the Romans, windows did not exist in Britain!!



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.

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 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!

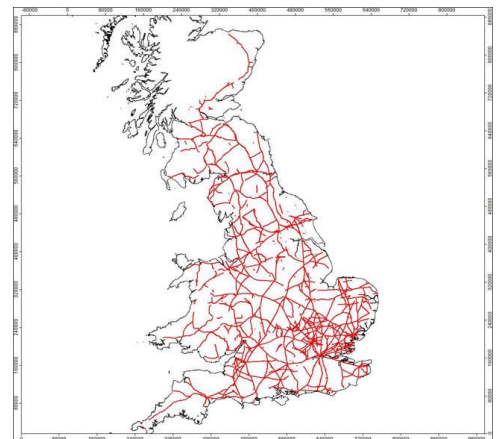
Public heated baths

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.



Roads

Roman roads were straight, this meant that you got to places faster than on a winding road. Many modern day roads are built over the old Roman ones. There were 10,000 miles of Roman roads in Britain.



Stinging Nettles

Believe it or not, these were brought to Britain to make clothes from. They can also be eaten like spinach when cooked!



Street Cleaners

The Romans paid people to keep the streets clean from things that were thrown into them, including human waste!! They made sure that the drains were not blocked and that anyone found guilty of throwing waste into the streets were fined.

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