



Class Four's Trip to the Corinium Museum

In Class 4 we have been learning about the Romans. Brilliantly, we enjoyed a trip to the Corinium Museum in Cirencester to find out more.



Firstly, we arrived at the mosaic filled room. We all learnt that mosaics are made from tiny pieces of broken pottery that are constructed together to make a piece of art for floors and walls. We also made our own mosaics in our workshop.



Next, we went to our workshop and learned about weapons. In the Roman wars there were swords called *gadius*, daggers called a *pugio* and *scutum* which were the shields that the Roman soldiers used. The *scutum* had a metal knob on the front and centre of it called a *boss*. The *boss* was so they could push through in an attack or to hit an enemy! We all learnt that the spears the Romans carried were only used once so that they couldn't be used against them.

Later we walked into a gallery about settlements. Many people tried to find settlements so they were safe. They prepared before fights began over settlement area. We learned about houses and trading. We also

learnt about what people would wear if they were in different tribes or communities.

Tombstones and skeletons was the topic of one of our workshops. We had to use Roman numerals so that we could find out when Romans were born and when they died – good job we learn about them in school! We also looked at skeletons, to find out more about who they were. We learned that archaeologists can find out who people were by their teeth because they can locate what water they drank and therefore where they came from! Archaeologists can also tell if they were male or female from the height and thickness of the leg bones. Amazing!



We enjoyed our trip and we hope you enjoyed reading about it and have learnt some fascinating facts about the Romans too!

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