

Explore Ribchester Museum: Information for teachers

About this learning resource

This is a set of activity cards that aims to help your class explore Ribchester Roman Museum. The activities support history at Key Stage 2, but may be adapted for younger or older pupils.

There are six activity cards, each designed to be used in groups of around five pupils. The cards can be completed in any order. Each activity card in the set has a different focus:

Card title	Focus
<i>Where are we?</i>	Why the Romans built a fort next to the river Ribble.
<i>What is this place made of?</i>	The remains of the granaries; discussing why the fort was built from stone.
<i>What is this place for?</i>	The purpose of the Roman fort, and identifying buildings within the fort.
<i>How has this building changed?</i>	The destruction of Roman buildings and the reuse of Roman stone in buildings around Ribchester.
<i>What can buildings tell us?</i>	The decoration of Roman buildings and how this may communicate something about the identity of the building.
<i>Who was here?</i>	The vicus (village) next to the Roman fort, and the function of buildings in the vicus.

What to bring with you

- The activity cards, printed double sided – at least 1 set for the class (1 set of cards per group is best).
- Pencils or pens – at least 1 per child
- Exercise books/sketchbooks/3 sheets of plain paper + clipboard – 1 per child
- Camera(s) if possible
- Lots of adult helpers.

How to use the activity cards

- The activities are designed to be self-led and can be done without any facilitation by museum's staff. If you need help, do ask a member of staff who will assist as much as they can.

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- Teachers may wish use all of the cards, or select a few. You are welcome to adapt activities to suit your class.
- We suggest that, after a safety briefing, the class is broken into six groups. Each group is given a set of cards, each set starting with a different card. Groups should be allocated an amount of time to spend on each activity card, after which they should move on to the next activity card. The class should regroup at a time and location decided by the teacher, to share their discoveries.
- Ideally, each group should have an adult helper who will supervise the group and read out the instructions on the cards. However, if teacher feel their pupils can behave safely and responsibly, groups without an adult leader could use some of the activity cards independently.

Safety

The class teacher is responsible for pupils' behaviour and safety at all times, and should conduct a risk assessment before bringing the class to visit. Please note:

- Some activities take place outdoors, and pupils will be close to the car park. These pupils must be accompanied by an adult.
- Some activities are indoors. Pupils must walk, not run, and take care not to bump into displays.
- Groups should stay together.
- Pupils must be mindful of other groups and members of the public.

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<http://www.wonderful-things.org.uk>