

Teachers Resource



Explore: Ancient Rome

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Loan Box



Introduction

This Teacher's Resource accompanies the schools Loan Box, Ancient Rome – available to hire from The Box, Plymouth.

Go to theboxplymouth.com to book your visit.

Risk assessment

Please conduct a risk assessment of these objects before using them with your class. Some of the objects included within this box have sharp edges, which you might need to treat with care with your students.

Lost/damaged items

If you have lost or damaged any items, please inform us as soon as possible, using this email address: TheBoxLearning@plymouth.gov.uk

Loan Box contents

This Loan Box is full of amazing replica objects from Ancient Rome that look and feel like the real thing!

What's in the box?

Face pot
11 x Coins
5 x Teeth
1 x pair of leather sandals
Key ring
Silver spoon
Fired pot
Strigil
Oil lamp
Wooden stylus
Wax tablet
Toy horse



Ideas **for**
activities

There are lots of different ways to use these objects with your class. Here are three ideas to start you off:

1. Topic Starter: Mystery Object

Inspire your students at the start of your topic, by using object-based-learning techniques.

Split your class into groups of 5-6 students

Give each group one object from this Loan Box. Select objects that you think the students might not have seen before – “mystery objects”.

Challenge your students to ask and answer questions about the objects, to find out as much about the objects as possible. You can use object enquiry questions to help you.

Psst: This is the same technique that real Archaeologists use if they find an object and don't know what it is. Sometimes they find something that has never been found before!

Some object enquiry questions:

- What is it made out of?
- How do you think it was made?
- What does it feel like – how heavy is it?
- Does it have a smell?
- Does it look like anything you've seen before? Can you think of anything that is similar?
- How do you think it might have been used?

2. Topic enhancer: research skills

Use the objects during the teaching of your topic, to enhance your teaching with a tangible experience.

Can your students find out more about the objects in the loans box? We'd love to see what they discover! Combine research skills with your ICT teaching, by using a free presentation app like Padlet or Explain Everything.

3. Cross-curricular: arts, science, oracy

Arts

Objects in museums have been the inspiration for great art for many years. Take one object or a group of objects from this Loan Box, and use them as a starting point for your students' own creations.

Science

Challenge your students to research how the objects in this box were made. What is the chemistry behind creating these materials? What scientific processes are involved in their production?

Oracy

Dragon's Den: Invite your students to imagine they had made one of the objects in this Loan Box. Can they pitch the idea to a panel of their peers? Why do they think this is a great object that the Dragons should reproduce? What skills have gone into making it? How can it be used? What impact will it have on history?

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