

Friday 5th June

Guided reading

ROME IS WHERE THE HEART IS!

Welcome to Rome, the centre of one of the richest and most powerful empires ever seen! Streets were noisy with people talking, children playing and the sound of chariots and hooves on the stone paving.

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Ancient Rome was covered in graffiti. "Lucius pinxit" means "Lucius painted this".

LUCIUS
PINXIT

Men wore either tunics or togas (a kind of large woollen shawl). Only free-born citizens were allowed to wear togas.

This shop sells olive oil. Oil was important for cooking, cleaning, and fuel for lamps.

LUCIUS
PINXIT

The public bath was the best place to get clean!

Goat fat and wood ashes were popular hair dye ingredients.

Only the best Roman houses had glass windows, but the glass was much thicker and greener than glass today.

As well as public toilets there were jars on street corners for men to wee in. The wee was collected for washing clothes ... wuck!

Roman schools took place anywhere ... even in the street!

Some Roman children hitched tiny carts to pet mice!

Birds and dogs were popular pets.



Now you know a little about what Ancient Rome was like, you are going to write a letter as someone walking down the street.

Use the pictures and facts to help you write the things you saw and heard. Your letter can be to anyone you like.

Remember the features of a letter-

- Dear
- First paragraph- explain why you are writing.
- Second paragraph- information about what you have seen and heard.
- Final paragraph- ask them to write back.
- Sign off with your name

Example

Dear Mum,

How are you? I am writing to you from sunny Rome. Mum it is such an amazing place you wouldn't believe the things I have seen.

Today when I walked through the streets I saw children doing lessons, men on chariots racing along the road and tiny mice attached to little carts. People hang their washing from their balconies to dry and there are dogs and birds everywhere because people keep them as pets. Everyone here wears togas, tunics and sandals and the women dye their hair with goat fat! It really is a brilliant place.

I wish you were here and I can't wait to see you. Write back and tell me what is happening at home.

Love Max