

Year 4 Reading

Remote learning

Week beginning 18.01.21

This pack contains:

- 4 tasks
- A letter from a Roman soldier

You will then need to bring in your homework book when you return to school. The teacher will then be able to give you feedback on the work.



Roman Camp, Camulodunum

Monday 21st January 60AD

Dearest brother Bruchus

I trust I find you and your family well. Please send my greetings to dear mother. I hope she is feeling much better. I am well despite the cold weather. You can not imagine just how cold it is here in wildest Britain. My fingers are numb even though I am sitting by a warm fire. The locals say we will get snow soon which will change the view very much.

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I have now saved a good deal of money. I may be homesick but a life in the great Roman army is a good one. In two years time I will be able to retire and return home with my riches and my pension. I hope and pray to the gods that I will stay safe and that my life is not taken by these savages.

My warmest love Marcus

Lesson 1

Can I find the synonyms to words?

This week, we will be continuing to look at letters from Roman Soldiers. We will be using this letter within our Guided Reading activities.

Word	Synonym	Which one?	Why?
trust	Belief, hope, denial		
locals	Citizens, residents, village		
conquered	defeated, captured, failed		

Here are 3 words which are included within the letter. Can you pick the correct Synonym? (A synonym is a word which means the same as another word!)

Challenge: Can you explain your reasoning within the 'why?' box?

Lesson 2

Can we understand the emotions of the Roman soldier?

Do you remember how we found the different emotions within the letter last week? This week, you need to find the emotions and you need to tell me how you know this.

What do you think the Roman soldier might be feeling as he is writing this letter?

Emotion	Evidence	Why?

Challenge: Can you tell me your reasoning? Why does your evidence show the emotion?

Lesson 3

Can I make inferences from a piece of text?

Let's look at the second part of the letter.

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What do you think the life of a Roman soldier might be like?
Can you write 4 sentences?

Lesson 4

Can I read fluently?

Many good wishes first of all I hope you are in good health and things are going well for you I thank the Lord for saving me right off when I was in danger at sea please write me a line about your own well-being

Read it

Read it aloud

Read it to a parent

Can you find where the pauses should be?