A Day in Roman Britain with Ellie

Learning objective: To identify and illustrate key features of a Roman settlement in Britain, including architecture and daily life.

Follow the drawing steps below to build your own Roman scene. Use the word bank to label your finished picture.

Draw: Draw a busy scene from a Roman settlement. Include a grand stone villa with a patterned mosaic floor visible through an open door, a straight paved road stretching into the distance, and an aqueduct in the background. Add a figure wearing a toga and a horse-drawn chariot on the road. The style should be clear and descriptive, using lines to show the stone textures.

Label words: mosaic floor · toga · aqueduct · villa · chariot · Roman road

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a large, rectangular house (a villa) in the centre of your page. Add a tiled roof. What material might the Romans have used to build these walls? (1 mark)
2. Step 2: Draw a straight, grey stone road leading up to the villa. Why do you think the Romans liked their roads to be so straight? (1 mark)
3. Step 3: Inside the villa, draw a pattern on the floor to represent a mosaic. Why were mosaics used in

Roman homes? (1 mark)

4. Step 4: Draw a person wearing a toga standing by the road. What was a toga, and was it worn by everyone in the Roman Empire? (1 mark)

5. Step 5: Label your finished drawing using the words from the word bank. (1 mark)