Ellie’s Roman Discovery Adventure

Learning objective: To identify key features of Roman life in Britain and understand how their arrival changed our country.

Read each question carefully and use your historical knowledge to answer. Remember to use full sentences where possible.

Ellie the elephant has been digging through the archives to find out about the Romans. They travelled across Europe to build a great Empire, and when they arrived in Britain, they brought many new ideas, buildings, and inventions that we still see traces of today. From the roads they built to the way they organised their towns, the Roman influence changed Britain forever.

Word bank: Centurion · Aqueduct · Mosaic · Villa · Baths · Empire · Toga

1. The Romans built a vast network of straight roads across Britain. Why do you think they wanted their roads to be as straight as possible? (2 marks)

2. Roman homes often had beautiful floors made from thousands of tiny coloured tiles. What is the name of this type of art? (1 mark)

3. Many Roman towns had public baths. Explain one reason why these were important for Roman citizens. (2 marks)

4. If you were living in Roman Britain, you might see a Centurion. What was the main job of a Centurion in the Roman army? (2 marks)

5. The Romans used a system of coins for trading. If a loaf of bread cost 2p and a jar of oil cost 5p, how much would Ellie spend in total? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Roman-style villa. Make sure to include a red-tiled roof and a garden with a path leading to the front door.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a Roman engineer. Write three sentences explaining how you would bring fresh water into a town from a river using an aqueduct.