Ellie’s Roman Britain Expedition

Step into the past and discover how the Romans transformed Britain into a world of stone, roads, and innovation!

- **The Roman Empire was vast, stretching across three continents. At its peak, the Roman army in Britain was organised into groups called legions, each commanded by a general.**
- **Romans brought advanced engineering to Britain, including the use of aqueducts to carry fresh water into towns and underfloor heating systems called hypocausts for their villas.**
- **Latin was the official language of the Romans. Even today, many English words we use have their roots in Latin, influencing our language, law, and science.**
- **Roman towns were carefully planned with a forum, which served as a bustling market square and the centre of public life, business, and local government.**
- **Art and culture were highly valued; the Romans decorated their homes with beautiful, intricate floor mosaics made from thousands of tiny coloured tiles called tesserae.**
- **The Romans introduced new foods to Britain, including cherries, pears, grapes, and various herbs, which significantly changed the local diet.**

Did you know? Did you know? The Romans were master builders! They created an incredible network of over 10,000 miles of paved roads across Britain, many of which still form the foundation of our modern motorway system today.

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