

1 Helmet

Start exploring in the **green gallery**. Find the Roman foot soldier's **helmet**.

What else did Roman soldiers wear and carry for protection?



2 Brooches

Stop next in the central area of the museum. Look for the **brooches** in the jewellery case.

How many different animals can you spot?



3 Roof tiles

Turn into the **Food and Farming** area and look for the roof tiles.

Which animals left their footprints on the tiles? How do you think they got there?



5 Hipposandals

Go to the **Merchants and Markets** gallery.

Can you find the **hipposandals**? 'Hippo' is the Latin word for horse.

Why do you think Romans put these shoes on their horses?



4 Strigil

Head for the **Rites and Recreation** gallery to find out about the Bath House.



Look for the **curved metal tool** called a **strigil**, which the Romans used to clean olive oil from their bodies. Do we still wash like this today?

6 Coins

Now look closer at the coin display. The **coins** show the many different Roman emperors or rulers.



Which metals are these coins made from?

7 Glass jug

Return to the Central area and search for the Roman glass jug. Glassware was made by expert craftsmen in countries like Italy.



How do you think these products got to Verulamium?

8 Mosaics

Stop and look at the beautiful mosaics that decorated the floors of grand Roman houses.

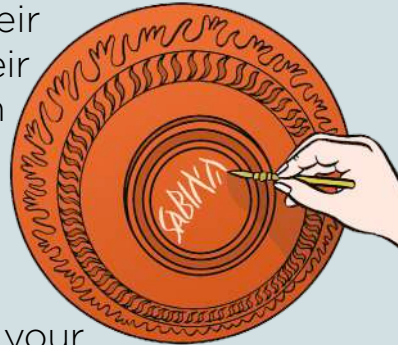
Each colourful design is made up of thousands of small cubes of stone or tile called tesserae.



How long do you think it would take to make mosaics like these?

9 Graffitied bowl

Turn left by the mosaics into the At Home In Verulamium gallery. The Romans sometimes wrote or scratched their names on their property. Can you spot Sabina's food bowl?



Do you write your name on anything you own? Why?

10 Wall paintings

Study the 2,000-year-old wall paintings, which decorated the homes of wealthy Romans.

What colours and patterns can you see? How are they different to your walls at home?



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