

# The Round House Primary Academy

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Dear Parents & Carers,

In September, as a way of providing your child with the best opportunity to find out about life in Roman Britain, we have arranged for *History Off the Page* to spend the day with us on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September (for Year 3) and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September (for Year 4). In September we will be asking for a £7.50 contribution. If you are going to pay your annual or termly contribution in September, then there will be no charge. Please be aware that the annual contribution section in Arbor will not be available until the start of next term.

On this day your child will, through role-play, experience life as it would have been living in the year 60AD, using authentic tools and materials whenever possible, to learn skills in a wide variety of workshops.

As the day progresses, the children will get involved in the issues of the time, with the chance to participate in a range of cross-curricular activities. By the end of the day they will have a really good idea of how it felt like to be a Roman at the time of the Boudican Revolt. There will also be a story-telling session.

A simple costume will help your child really feel part of the day. Please see the pictures attached for some ideas.

Yours sincerely

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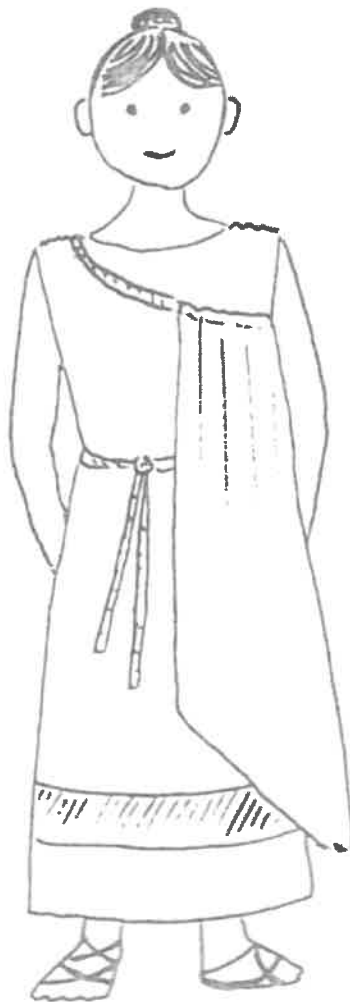


## Preparing the Pupils – Girl's Roman Costume:

### Costume:

It is easy to think of Roman costume just in terms of togas, but a glance at an encyclopaedia of fashion will show very many styles as there are today. It is intended that this sheet should simplify matter in order to give children the opportunity to wear something, which is approximately correct and begin to make the imaginative leap, which is so valuable when studying the past. There are a number of possibilities depending on how much time you have to spend.

- Simplest version. Just wear a knee length sleeveless tunic with belt. Any colour. You could even get away with a plain large T-shirt with a belt or a plain night-shirt.
- Half hour version Simple shift (chiton). Rectangle of any colour but preferably not too bright. Cut hole in the middle for the head. Fold-in half. Stitch side seams, leaving gaps for arms. Tie around waist with belt. Use firmly fixed brooches or safely pins to gather shoulders.
- Any style could have a draped mantle/shawl (Palla) on top.



## Preparing the pupils – Boy's Roman costume:

### Costume:

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- Simplest version. Just wear a knee length sleeveless tunic with belt. Any colour. You could even get away with a plain large T-shirt with a belt or a plain night-shirt.
- Half hour version - Simple shift (chiton). Rectangle of any colour but preferably not too bright. Cut hole in the middle for the head. Fold-in half. Stitch side seams, leaving gaps for arms. Tie around waist with belt.
- Any style could have a cloak fixed on both shoulders.

