

ROMAN BRITAIN AD 43- AD 410

The Romans used pottery for all sorts of things.

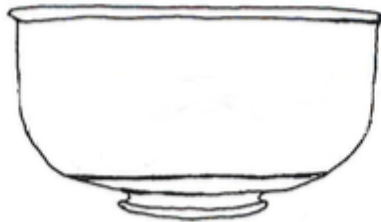
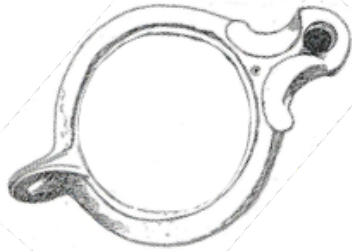
Can you find these pots on display in the Cambridge gallery?
Can you finish the drawings, and then
match up the pot and what it was used for?



Storing things

Presenting food at a special meal

Lighting a room



It is your turn to host a Roman dinner party. To impress your guests, you decorate your dining room and prepare a special meal served in luxurious dishes.

Use the objects in the Museum to help you draw the feast here

Archaeologists find out about people in the past by looking at the things they have left behind.

Can you help our archaeologist to find out more about life in Roman Britain?

Let's start at the long case with the map on it.

The map is showing you where things were found and the three layers are telling you how old things are. The further back the layer is, the older the objects are.

Tick the box when you have found:

- the layer with Roman objects ☐
- the Roman road ☐
- the River Cam ☐

Excellent work!

Now find the village of Linton on the map.
Archaeologists found a Roman burial there.

Look at the objects in the case,
do you think they belonged to
a man or a woman?





Sometimes Roman people put precious objects in graves. Perhaps this was so people could take the objects with them to their next life.

These little statues came from a child's grave in Arrington. Can you find them in the Hide and Seek exhibition?

What do you think these figures were used for?



Which of **your** precious things would you most like to take with you to the afterlife?

Draw two of them in the boxes below.

This is a sketch of a Roman cook. He is using a special dish called a **mortarium** to mash and grind food.

Can you find a **mortarium** in the Roman case? Look carefully at the inside. Is it rough or smooth? Why do you think the Romans made it like this?



The cook is rubbing his eyes with his hand. Circle the ingredient in the recipe which might be making his eyes water.

Lamb Stew Recipe

Put the pieces of meat into a stewing pot. In a mortarium grind together pepper, lovage, cumin, fish sauce, oil and wine. Chop an onion and coriander finely. Add the contents of the mortarium to the meat. Cook, then put into a shallow pan to thicken.

This recipe was in a Roman recipe book called Apicius. Roman people cooked on a stove covered with a layer of charcoal, a bit like a barbecue.

What would the Romans have thought of your favourite meal?

