

OSPREY SIGNPOST 31

LITERACY TASK

Read the information below and watch the video about Roman Villas, then write a description of a Roman House.

Creative TASK

Art/DT – build or draw a picture of a Roman Villa. You can use any material you like, but make sure you ask your adult.

Roman Villa



Literacy: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/z7k8q6f>

MATHS TASK

Watch the video about types of lines and then have a go at the challenge below.

http://www.meldreth.cambs.sch.uk/web/home_learning_videos/467114

ICT TASK

Computers need to be given lots of clear instructions, so they know what to do. Instruct someone else how to draw a cat using really careful instructions.



Please complete as many of the tasks as possible, however please try to put MORE into the task which appeals to you the most.

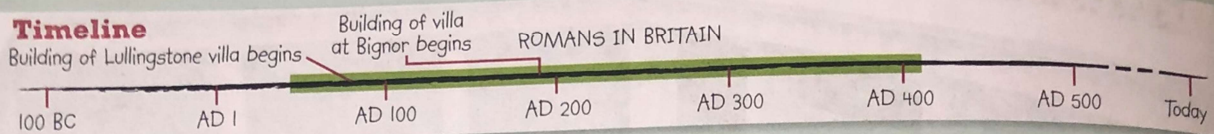
Upload your work to STARZ or ask a parent to email your work for Miss McGinty to mark.

Literacy – Read the information below and then complete the task.

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Living in Luxury Villas

Timeline



When the Romans came to Britain the people in the tribes lived in individual round or rectangular huts like this one.

How do you think Roman houses were different to this?



A house fit for a king

Villas were originally built as houses for wealthy Romans in Italy. When the Romans invaded Britain some of them started building them here too. Some rich people from Britain also built themselves villas to live in. The villas were like country mansions today. They had living quarters, beautiful gardens, slave quarters, barns and storehouses. They sometimes also had a bath house. This picture shows how Lullingstone Roman villa in Kent might have looked.

Which part of the house do you think would have been used as the main living quarters?

Where do you think the slaves might have slept?



Warm, comfortable and beautiful

The insides of Roman villas were beautifully decorated — the walls and floors were often covered in pictures. This floor was found in a Roman villa in Bignor, Sussex.



*What do you think it is made up of?**



The floors in the villas would also have been warm, as the Romans had their own design of heating under the floor. Look at this picture showing the remains of one of these under-floor heating systems — it's called a hypocaust.

What do you think all those columns were for?

The floors were laid on top of columns, so that warm air from a furnace could be pumped into the spaces underneath. This kept the villas lovely and warm.

A helping hand

Running a villa took a lot of work so the Romans had slaves to help them.

*What can you see happening in this picture?
What sort of jobs do you think the slaves did?*

Some slaves were brought from Rome, but some of them were from Britain and were bought at slave markets.

The slaves had to collect wood and put it in the furnaces to keep them burning. They also had to do things like cook meals to serve to their masters.



Big warm houses for the rich Romans

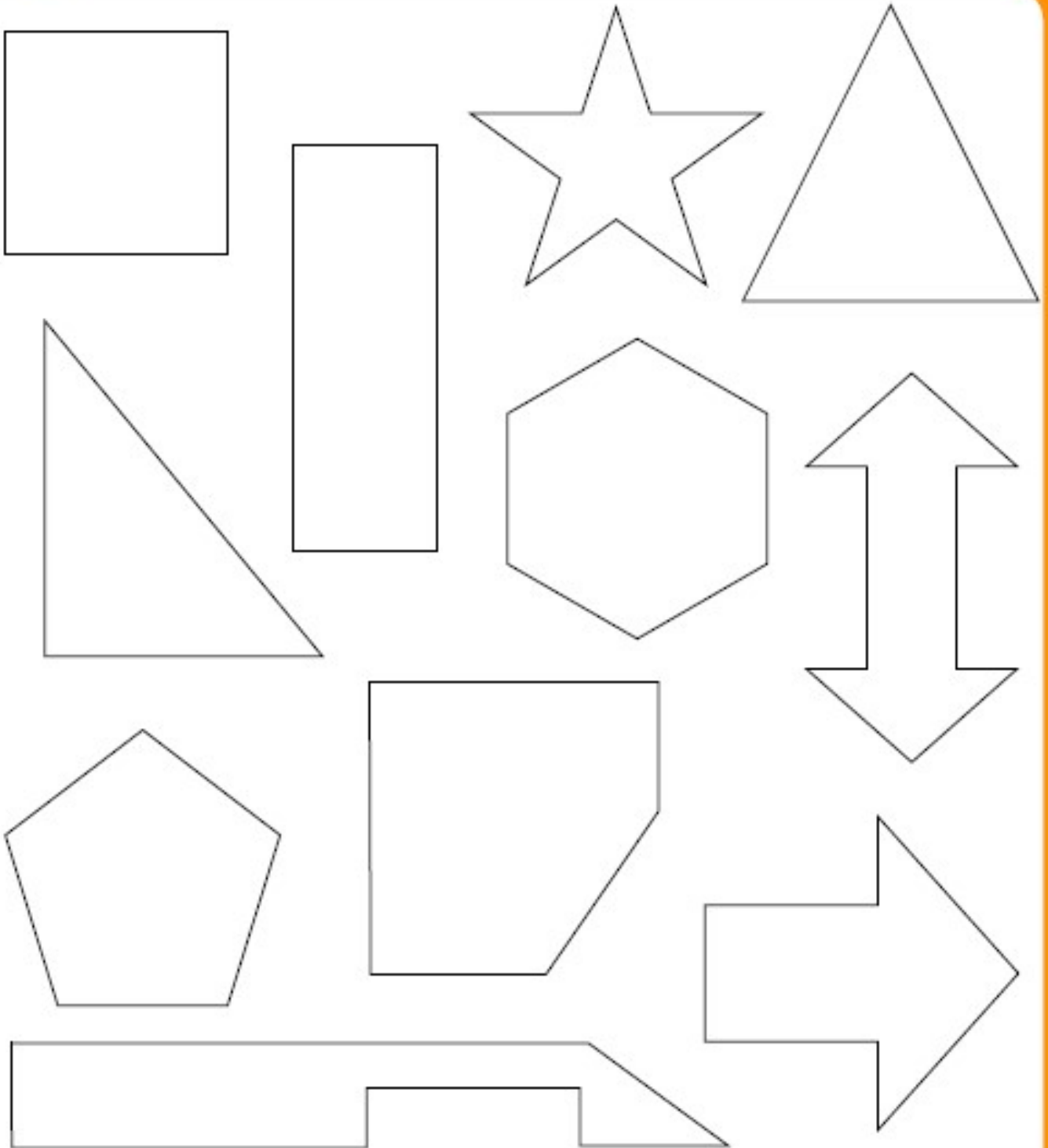
The Roman villas were completely different to the huts that the tribes lived in. They were huge, beautifully decorated stone houses with lots of rooms and a clever heating system.

*The pictures on the floors and walls were mosaics — made of thousands of tiny tiles.

Maths – Identify different types of lines.



How many horizontal and vertical lines can you find in these shapes? Draw over the horizontal lines with a ruler in one colour and do the same in a second colour for the vertical lines.



Now write inside each shape how many horizontal and vertical lines were in each shape. If it has two horizontal lines and 1 vertical line, write $H = 2$ and $V = 1$.

