

Building the Roads

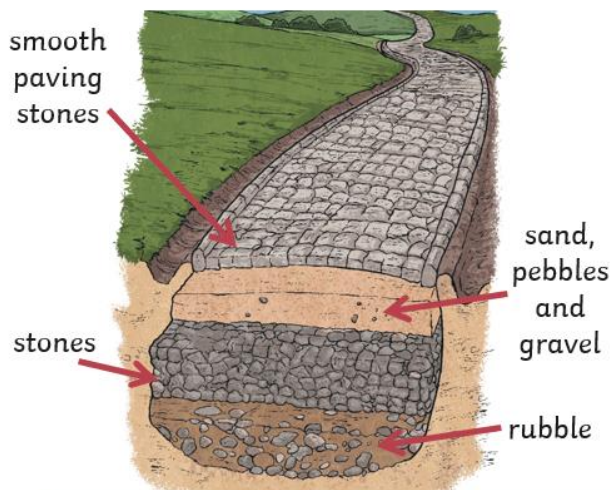
To build a Roman road, we would need to:



- 1 Dig a large ditch the width of your road.
- 2 Fill your ditch with a layer of rubble and a layer of stones.
- 3 Dig two smaller ditches either side.
- 4 Cover the stones with a layer of sand or small pebbles and gravel, thicker in the middle to make a camber so that the rain will drain off into the two side ditches.
- 5 Set a layer of smooth paving stones into the sand or gravel to make a hard surface.

Roman Road Model

Activity: Design, plan and make a 3D model showing a cross-section of a Roman road.



Use junk modelling materials and paint creatively to make your road look as realistic as possible. Make sure that you show all of the different parts of the road.



Don't worry if you can't complete this in 1 day e.g. it might take a day or two to gather all your resources. You can still draw a plan today!

LO: To design my own Roman Shield!

- Steps to Success:
- I can record my observations, review and revisit ideas.
 - I can improve my art and design techniques.

Shield (Scutum)



A Roman shield was called a **scutum**.

It was quite light so that it could be held in one hand.

It was curved so that it would fit around a soldier's body to protect him from blows.

It was wide enough so that soldiers could join their scutums together in formation in battle.

The metal protrusion on the front could also be used to attack the enemy by using it in a punching motion.

Design Your Shield

Ensure that your decorative design shows off your strength. Designs often included:

- wings;
- eagles;
- lightning bolts.

Why not research some powerful Roman gods to help you with your design?

Design a Roman Shield

