Romans: Gods and Goddesses

Aim:

Construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of historical knowledge by learning about the religious beliefs and the gods and goddesses the Romans worshipped.

I can understand what religious beliefs the Romans had and know about some of the gods and goddesses that they worshipped.

Success Criteria:

I can explain the different elements of Roman religion.

I can tell uou the names of some of the main Roman gods and write about what theu represented to the Roman people.

Key/New Words:

Gods, goddesses, ritual, sacrifice, worship, festival, omen, superstition, prayer.

Resources:

Lesson Pack

Dictionaries

Books/Internet sites about Roman gods

Preparation:

Elements of Religion Activity Sheet - one per pair

Match up Pairs Gods Game - one set of cards per pair

Collecting Facts Board Game - one per pair as required

Gods Card Game - one per pair

Gods Fact Poster Activity Sheet - one per child

Prior Learning: It may be helpful if the children have knowledge of Iron Age Britain.

Learning Sequence



Roman Religion: Read the introduction to Roman religion from the Lesson Presentation.





Elements of Roman Religion: Children use the information from the introduction, their own knowledge and dictionaries to define the meaning of the different elements of Roman religion using the Elements of Roman Religion Activity Sheet. Prayer, omen, worship, superstition, ritual, sacrifice, festivals.





Roman Gods and Goddesses: Read the information on this and following slides showing comparisons with Greek gods, the Roman God Family Tree and details about some of the gods and goddesses. Allow time to discuss each one and for children to have the chance to feed back some key facts they learn.





Gods Game: Children make or play a game to help them remember and record key facts about Roman gods and goddesses. Look for children who are able to recall facts about the gods and goddesses with confidence. Can they explain why the Romans worshipped these gods?





Match Up Gods Pairs Game: Children turn over the cards to find a matching set. They read out and try to remember the fact on each card.



Collecting Facts Board Game: Children move their pieces across this board game, collecting and remembering facts about gods and goddesses along the way.



Gods Card Game: Children research and record facts about gods and goddesses in order to create a card game.



After playing the game, children move on to designing and creating a Gods Fact Poster to record some of the facts they have learned about the different gods and goddesses.



What Have You Learnt? Children present their posters and games to the rest of the class. Discuss what the children have learnt and which gods or goddesses they found the most interesting.



Taskit

Researchit: Can you find out about the Roman festivals and make a leaflet or poster all about them? Which gods were worshipped at the festivals? How did people celebrate?

Singit: Can you make up a song or rhyme about Roman gods and goddesses to help people remember the facts about them?

