

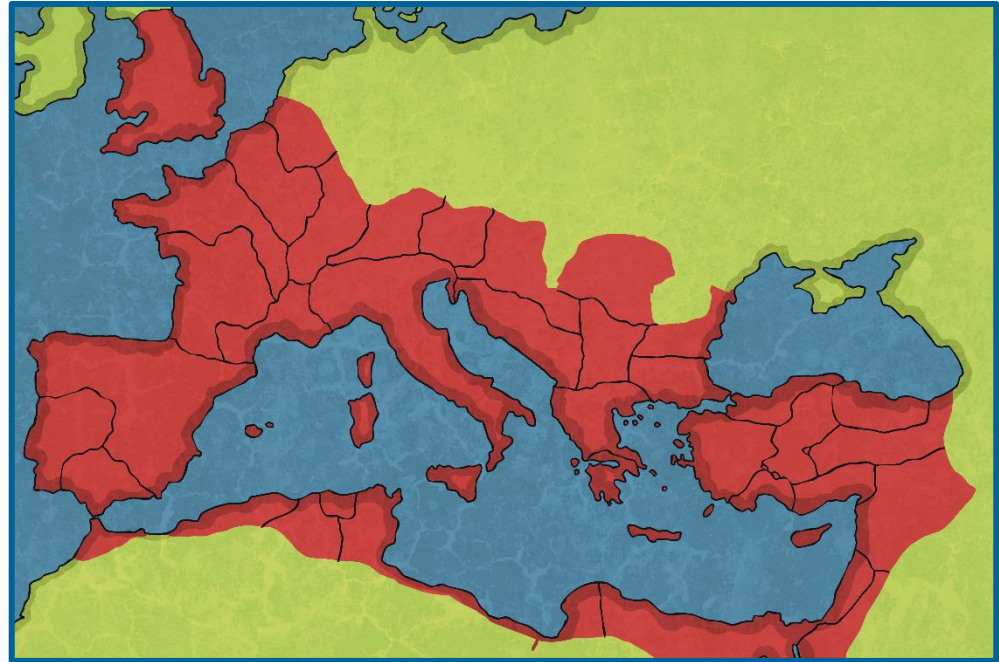
# Mystery story

Tuesday 5th January 2021

# The Roman Empire

The Ancient Roman civilisation was founded with the building of Rome in the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC and lasted until its collapse in 476 AD.

During this time, the Roman Empire spread all over much of what is now Europe and North Africa.



Because of this, Roman culture and architecture spread over a large area.

# The Thieves of Ostia

- Over the next two weeks we are going to write a story set near ancient Rome, in the port town of Ostia. It is based on the book *The Thieves of Ostia* from the Roman Mysteries series.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnURfJfQEX0>



# Flavia Gemina



Flavia is the main character in our story.  
She is a Roman girl.

## ***Salve!***

**My name is Flavia Gemina, daughter of Marcus Flavius Geminus, sea captain. I live in the port of Ostia and I solve mysteries. My mother died when I was only three.**

**Age: Twelve**

**Birthplace: Ostia, the port of Rome**

**Family: Marcus Flavius Geminus (father)**

**Friends: Jonathan, Nubia and Lupus**

**Pets: my dog Scuto (his name means 'shield')**

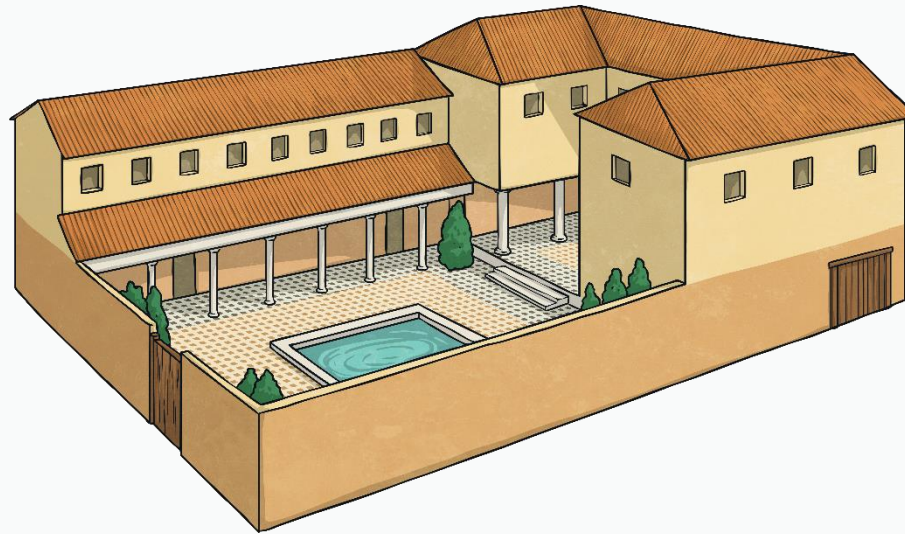


# Flavia lives in a domus



# Domus

A domus was a type of house in the city in which a rich Roman would have lived. Flavia's father is a sea captain.



A domus was a very grand single-storey building, often with marble pillars, statues and mosaics on walls and floors.

They would have had multiple rooms, including bedrooms, a dining room, kitchen, courtyards, gardens and places to relax and entertain guests.

# Inside a domus

- ▣ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDiqKUzSeZM>
- ▣ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETd7pszxhnc>
  
- ▣ Look carefully inside. You can take notes of the rooms and areas in the house.
- ▣ You will use your notes and the pictures to write an 'For Sale' advert for a Roman domus.

# Domus For Sale

- ▣ Your task is to write details for a 'For Sale' advert for a domus.
- ▣ Use the videos, and the pictures (download from the classpage) to help you.
- ▣ Upload a picture or the document of your finished work to your dojo portfolio or email it through dojo to me.

Description:

---

---

---

Rooms Include:

---

---

---

---

---

Location:

---

---

---

---

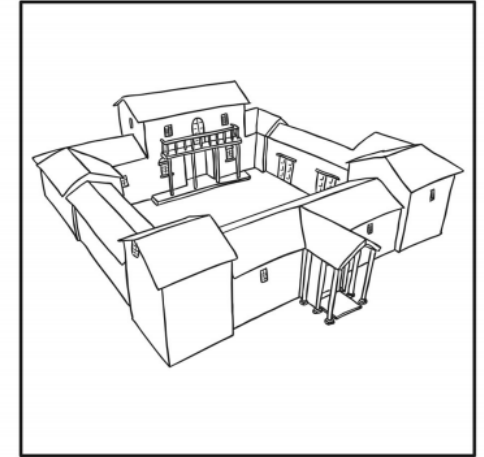
---

Local Amenities:

---

---

---



Outdoor Area:

---

---

---

Key Selling Points:

---

---

---



# Thieves of Ostia story

- ▣ Tomorrow, you will start writing a mystery story about Flavia. There are seven plotpoints, so your story will have seven paragraphs.