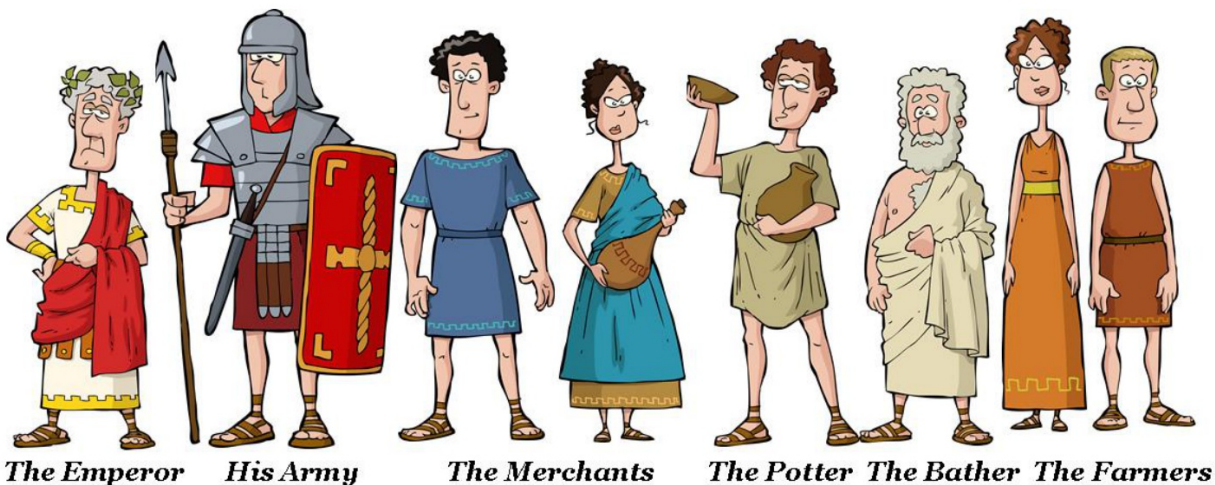


Roman life in the city!



Lets see what Roman
houses were like...

In this lesson we will explore is the different houses that an Ancient Roman would have lived in.



What would my house have been like?

If you are on Virtual School I have included the link below the topic video. Only look at the first section on Roman houses.

Wooden Huts

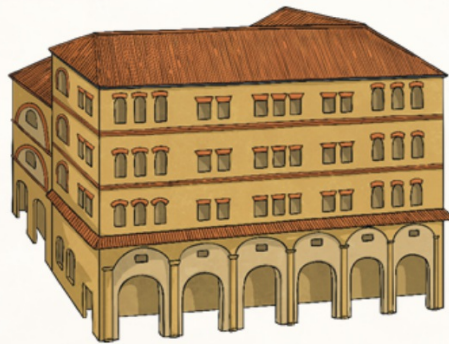
Poor Romans in the countryside lived in small villages of wooden huts with thatched roofs.



Each hut would be very small, usually only having one room with a fire in the centre. This fire would be used for light, heat and for cooking. The floor would have been covered with animal skins and there would be simple furniture, such as benches for beds.

Insulae

Poor Romans in towns and cities lived in Insulae.



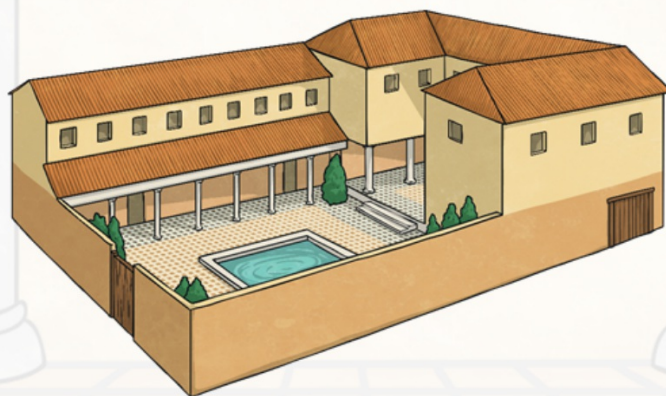
These were like apartment blocks built of wood, mud bricks and, later on, concrete.

They were usually six to eight three-storey buildings grouped around a central courtyard.

They were very poorly built, often dirty and noisy; however, they did have running water!

Domus

A domus was a type of house in the city in which a rich Roman would have lived.

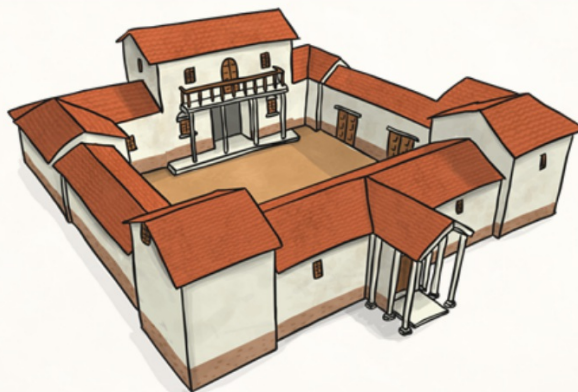


A domus was a very grand single-storey building, often with marble pillars, statues and mosaics on walls and floors.

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

Villa

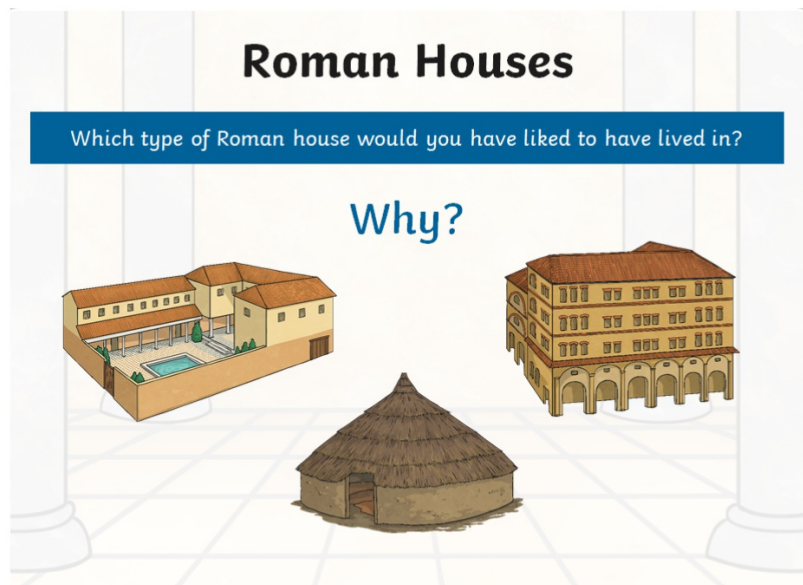
A Roman villa was a luxurious estate for rich Romans in the countryside.



They were much larger and more comfortable than a domus and had even more rooms, including servants quarters and exercise rooms.

Some villas even had underfloor heating! A hypocaust was a system which pumped hot air from a fire around a system of tunnels underneath the villa's main floor.

Task: Write down one interesting fact about a hut, a insulae, a domus and a villa. Draw a picture to go with each one.

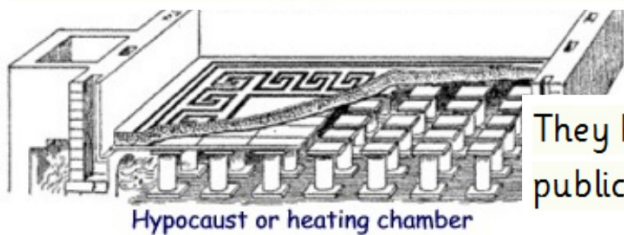


Write down your answer. I know which one I would pick!

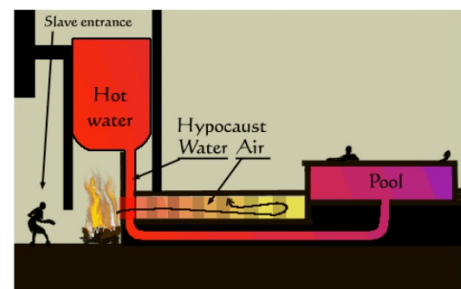
How did the Ancient Romans keep warm?

If you are on virtual school the link is available in the topic section.

The Roman heating system was called a hypocaust.



They had central heating at home, in villas and in public baths.



The underfloor space was made by raising the floor on top of piles of tile or stone.

The heating system was kept going by slaves, who kept a fire blazing in a furnace to heat warm air.

The warm air moved around the building through spaces under the floors and between the walls.



Hmmm very different to our heating systems now! What do you have in your house to keep you and your family warm?

