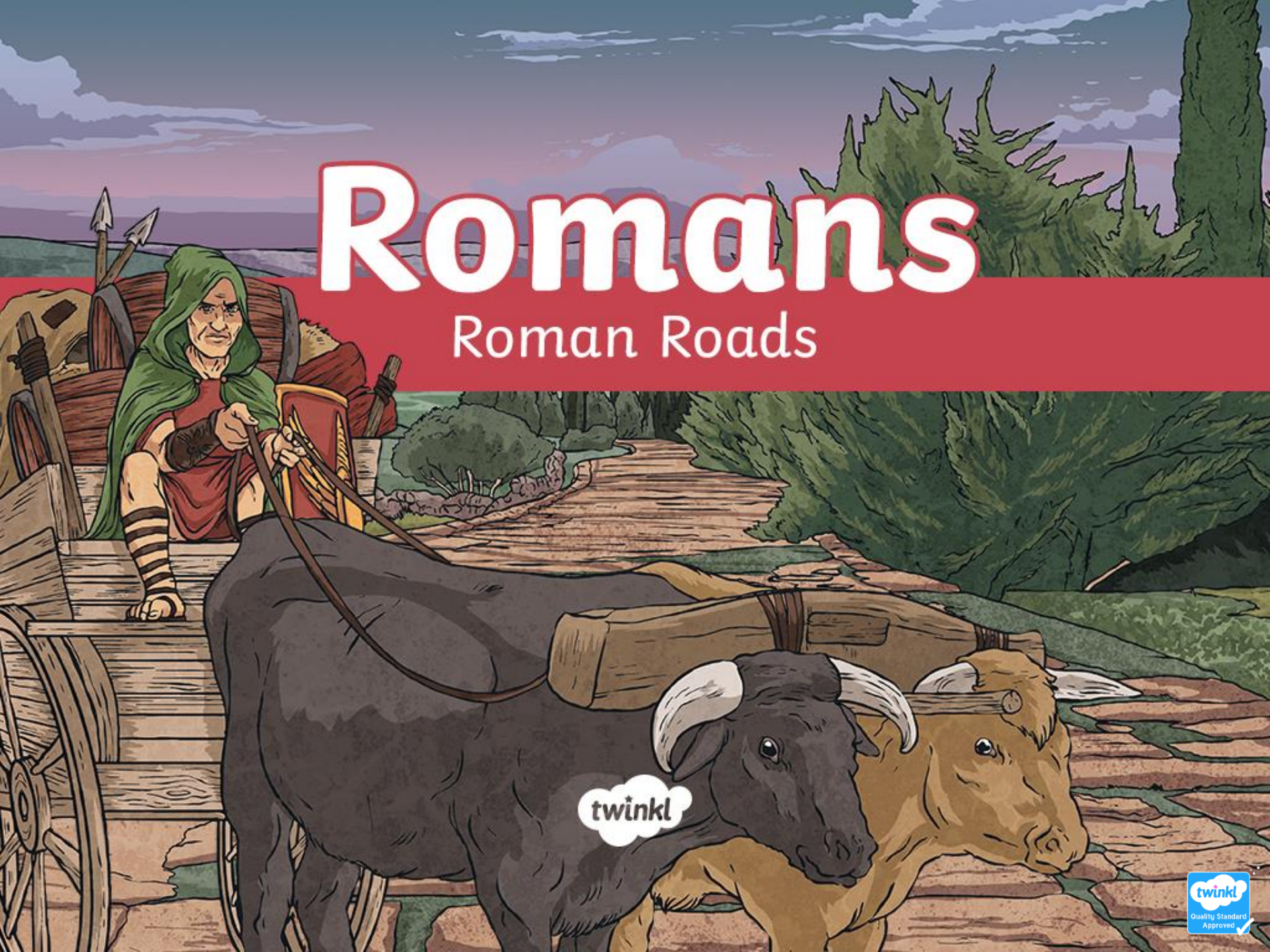


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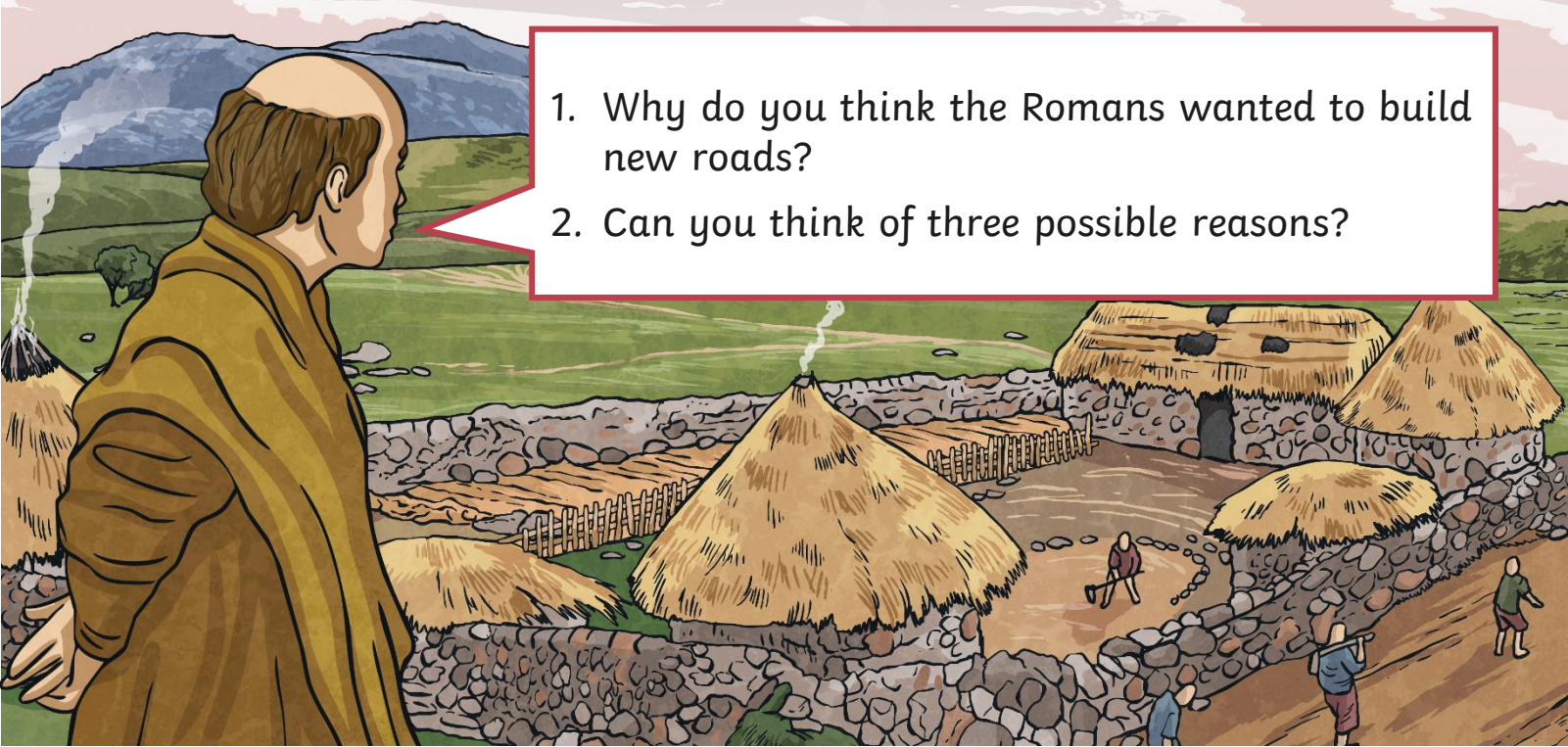
- I can understand why the Romans built new roads in Britain, know where some of the main roads ran to and from and know how the roads were made.

Success Criteria

- I can label a map to show some Roman roads.
- I can create a model to show a cross-section of a Roman road.

Before the Roman Roads

Before the Romans arrived, Britain had no proper roads. The Celts rode horses, walked and travelled in carts pulled by oxen along paths and tracks. These paths and tracks connected local farms and hamlets, and there were some longer routes for trade. These tracks were often in very poor condition.

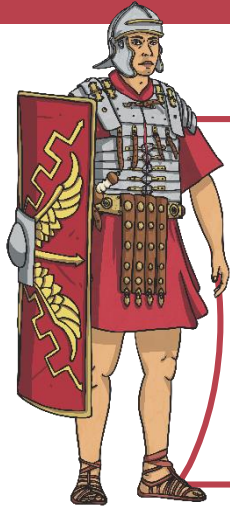
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- An illustration of a man in a brown robe looking out over a village. The village features several round huts with conical thatched roofs. Some huts have smoke rising from them. The scene is set in a rural landscape with rolling hills and mountains in the background. A stone wall runs across the middle ground, and a dirt path leads through the village. Several small figures are visible, some carrying loads on their heads or backs.
1. Why do you think the Romans wanted to build new roads?
 2. Can you think of three possible reasons?

Roman Roads



Why did the Romans want better roads?

Did you think of any of these reasons?



Troops could be quickly moved from one place to another.



The Emperor had more control if messages could be sent quickly.

Supplies could be sent to different areas of the country.



Better links between places was good for trading.

Roman Roads

The Romans were famous for their long, straight roads. You can still see some Roman roads today, two thousand years after they were built.

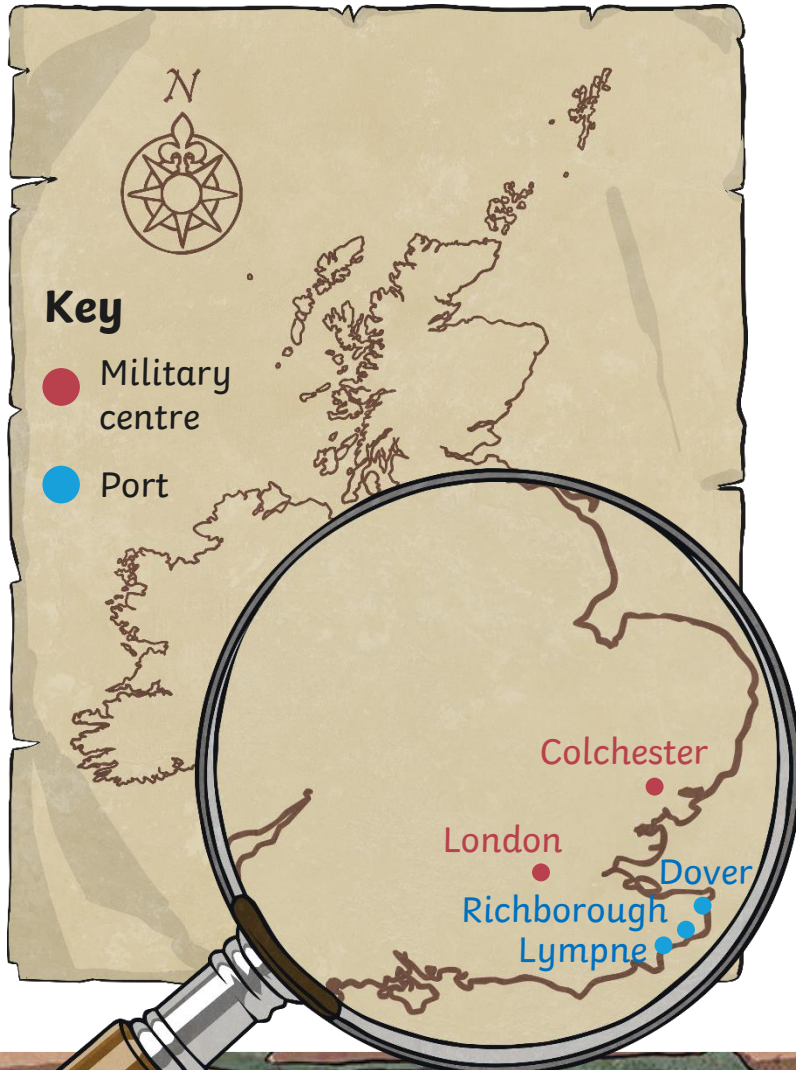


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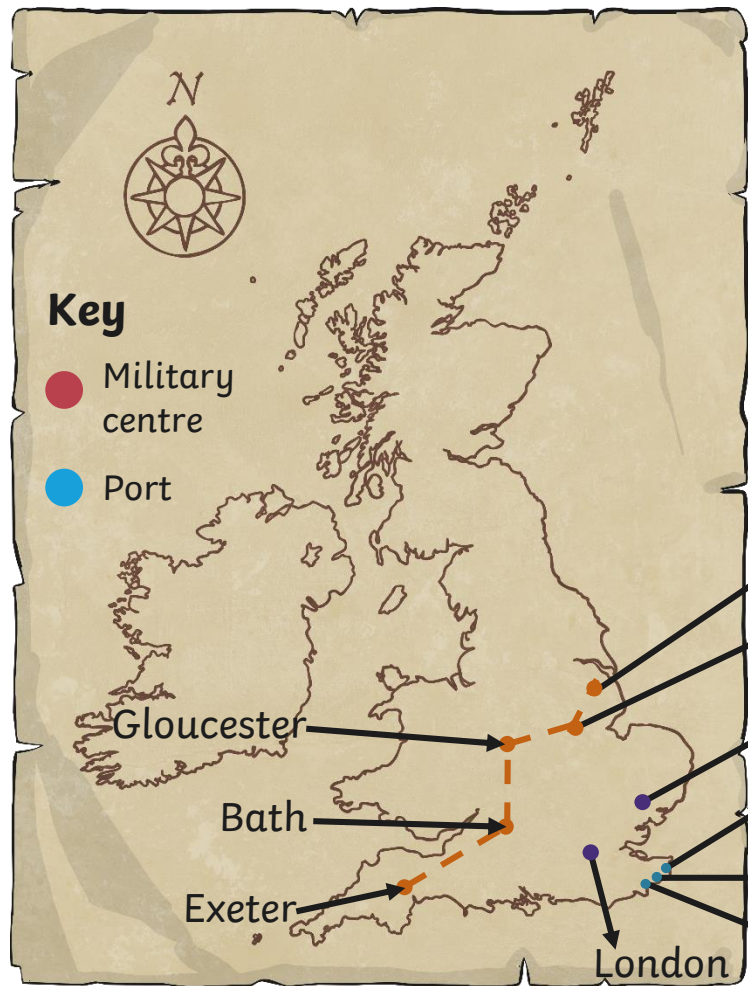
The First Roman Roads

Use maps to locate the places.

Why was it important for the Romans to link the military centres to the ports?

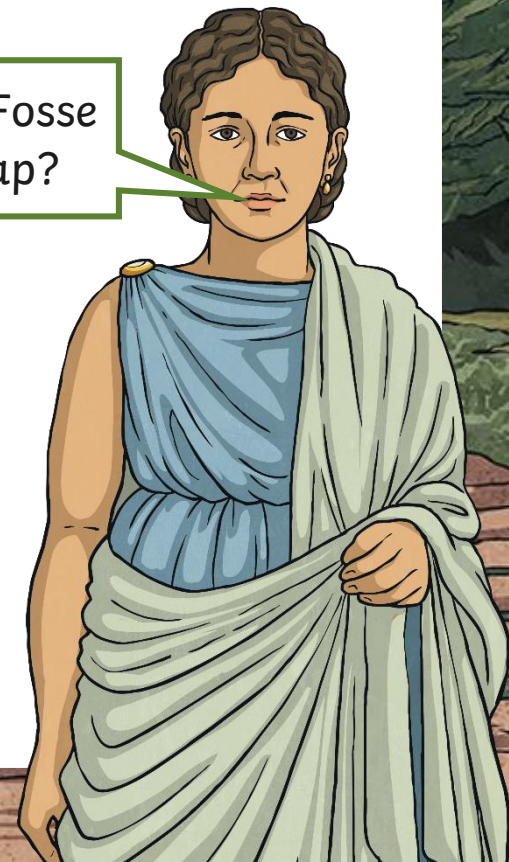


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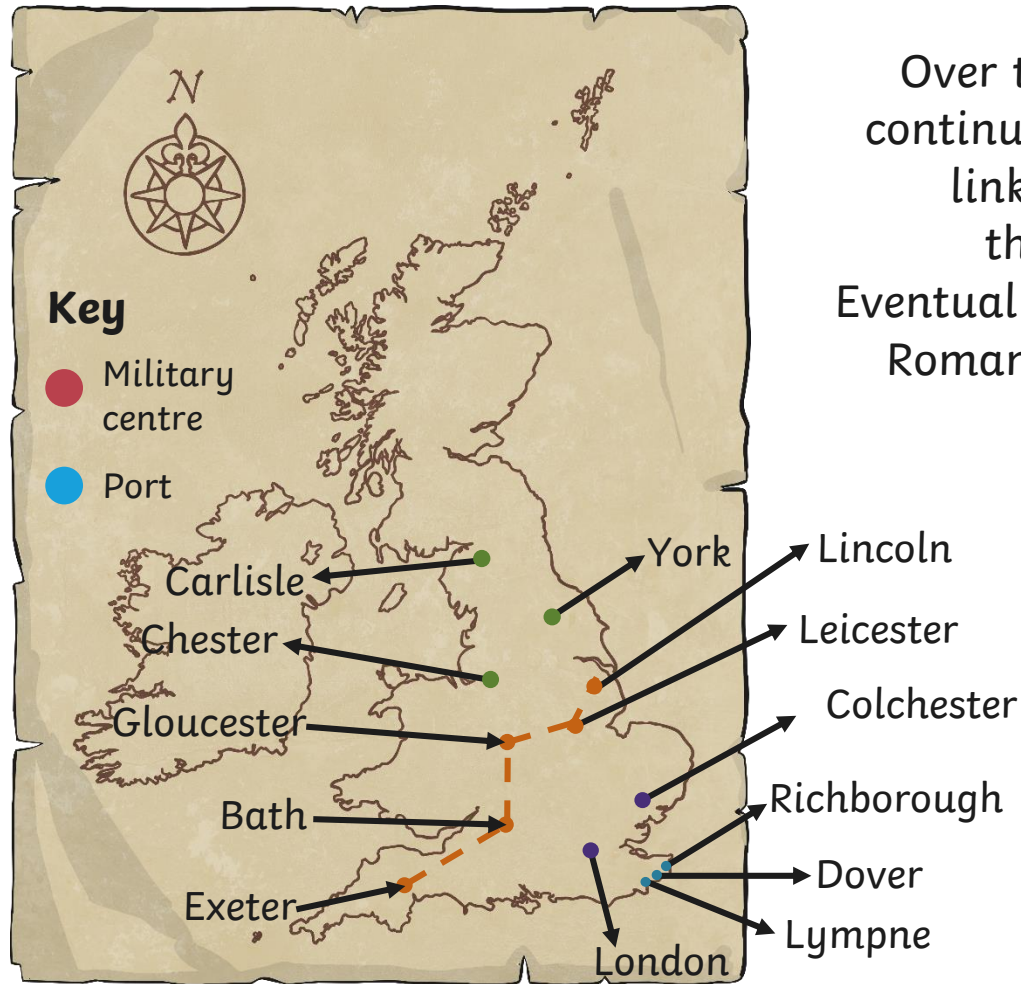


The Fosse Way was one of the first great Roman roads in Britain. It ran from Exeter to Lincoln, passing through Bath, Gloucester and Leicester.

Can you find the Fosse Way on your map?



The First Roman Roads



Over the years, the Romans continued to build more roads, linking to many places throughout Britain. Eventually, around 2000 miles of Roman roads had been built.

Other Routes

- Chester to York
- London to Lincoln to York
- Chester to Carlisle
- Dover, Lympe and Richborough to London to Wroxeter

Mapping Roman Roads

1. Use the Mapping Roman Roads sheets included in your file and the blank map of Britain to complete your task.
2. Use an atlas to locate the start and finish points of the Romans roads on your sheet.
3. Mark and label the places on your map and then draw and label the road.
4. Use a different colour for each road.



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.

Building the Roads

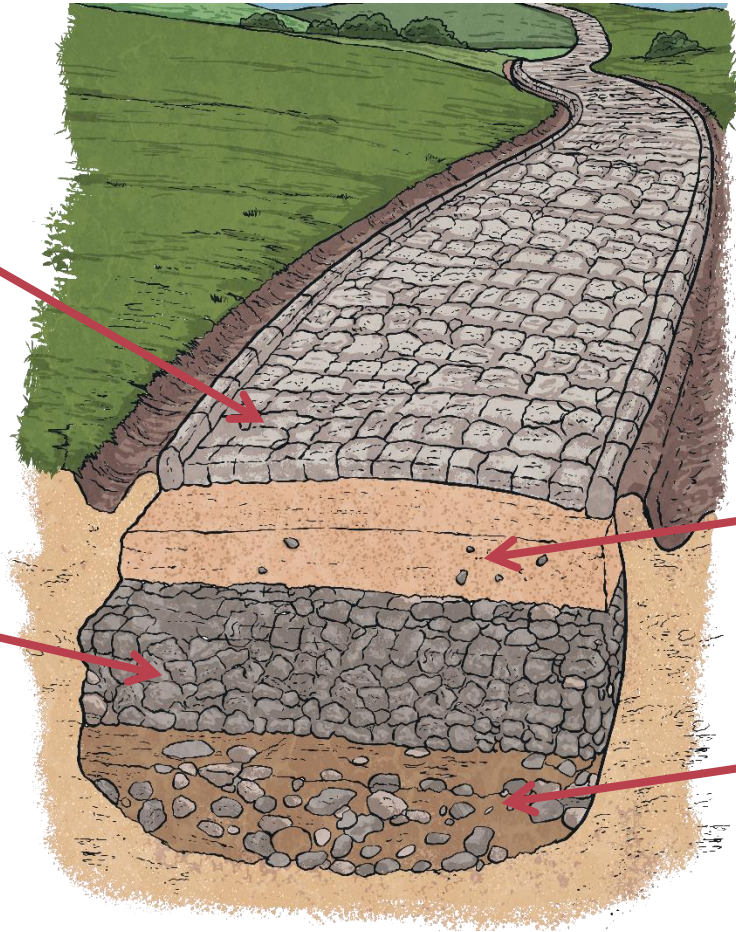
Can you name the parts of this Roman road?

smooth
paving stones

stones

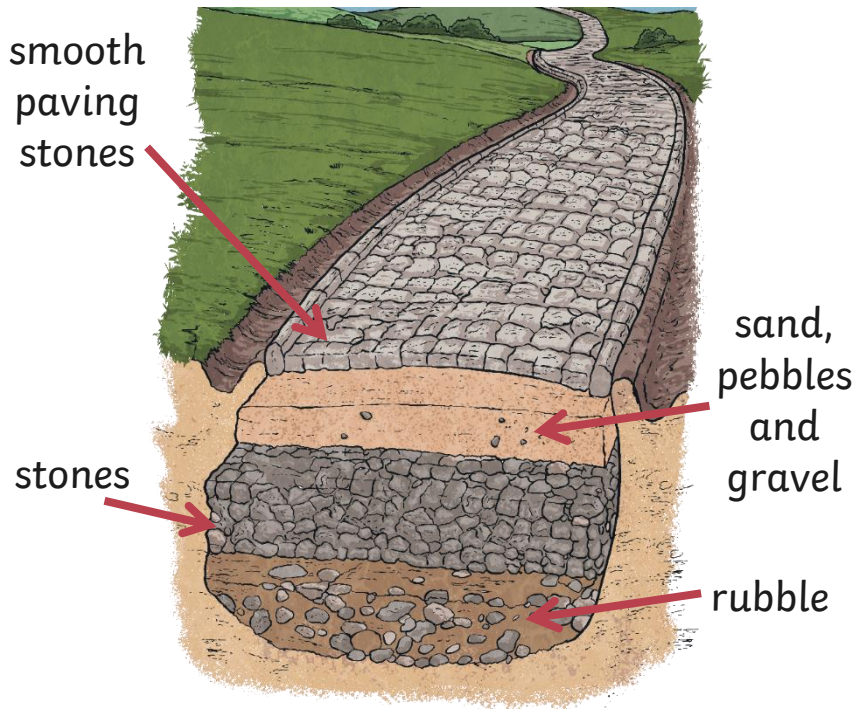
sand, pebbles
and gravel

rubble



Task - Roman Road Model

Plan and make a 3D model showing a cross-section of a Roman road. Alternatively-draw in your book, the different layers of a Roman road.



Use the 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.





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