

Roman Towns Race



Objective

- Identify towns and cities of Roman Britain.
- Link 21st Century towns and cities to their Roman names.



Equipment

- Enrich School Orienteering Map
- Orienteering control markers
- Activity Sheets



Preparation

- Teachers can use the prepared Activity Sheets.
- Alternatively, they can select a specific set of orienteering control points for this activity and insert the numbers and second letters for these control points into the editable Activity Sheets.
- Talk to the children about how many British towns and cities had their origin in Roman Britain.
- Explain that many 21st Century towns and cities used to have a Roman name.
- Split the children into teams. Give each team an Activity Sheet and an orienteering map.



Instructions

- Each team must use their orienteering map to visit all of the control points indicated on their Activity Sheet.
- Each control point is linked to a town / city.
- Children look at the 2nd letter on the control marker.
- They use the 2nd letter to find the Roman name for the town / city.
- They write the Roman name for the town / city next to the 21st century name on their Activity Sheet.



Other information

- There are three different Activity Sheets for this activity.
- As a follow-on activity, children could look at a map of Britain and locate the towns that are on their Activity Sheet.
- The class could create a map of Roman Britain by locating each of the Roman towns from this activity on a large map of Britain.

