## Following in the Footsteps of Soldiers





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Visiting: Active Learning Session : Following in the Footsteps of Soldiers

A school group exploring the gyrus

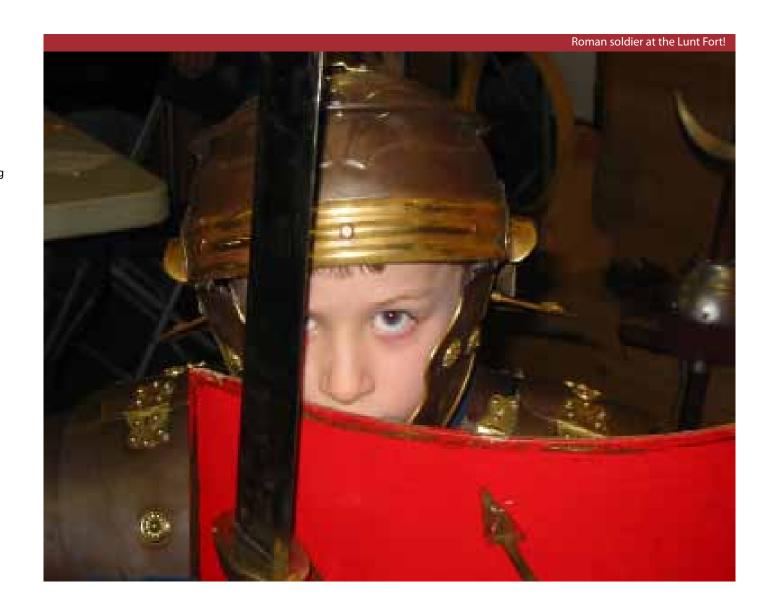
Roman soldiers training for battle in the gyrus

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#### Image Bank

The reconstructed wooden Eastern gateway
The turf ramparts and wooden Eastern gateway looking
outwards from the fort
A new recruit to the Roman army
The first level of the Eastern gateway
The ditches surrounding the ramparts
The front view of the reconstructed granary building
A side view of the granary
The reconstructed gyrus or training ring

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## Active Learning Session: Following in the Footsteps of Soldiers 01



#### **INTRODUCTION**

Session length: 1 hour 30 minutes
Session Description: 45 minutes is a facilitated hands on session in the museum situated in the granary building and 45 minutes is a guided tour of the Lunt site. Allow 2 hours for your visit to enable your group to explore the museum displays.

### For costs and booking information see website: www.luntromanfort.org/learning

The session will enable your class to discover and explore the only reconstructed Roman fort in Britain. Pupils will hear about the lives of soldiers at the fort and find out how the huge circular gyrus was used. They will also climb the wooden ramparts to the gateway to see far across the surrounding countryside.

This teachers' online resource pack has been designed to support the KS2 school curriculum. Within the pack you will find a selection of cross curricular activities supporting the development of key skills and downloadable images to complement your work in the classroom. The activities are suitable to be carried out pre or post visit to the Lunt Fort and we recommend a visit to the Lunt to get the most out of your pack. You can also use this online pack in conjunction with the free resource booklet you will receive on confirming your booking.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

Through attending this session at the Lunt Fort your children will build on the following skills:

- Speaking and listening through group discussion and interaction
- An improved understanding of chronology and knowledge and an understanding of events, people and changes in the past
- An increased understanding of forces and motion
- An improved knowledge and understanding of materials
- An increased knowledge and understanding of the local area



### Curriculum Connections and Learning Outcomes 02

Geography

Literacy,

Music

Drama and



An increased knowledge and understanding of the local area.

> Produce a brochure using ICT encouraging people to visit the Lunt Fort

Discuss the Lunt as a tourist attraction and the effect of tourism on the small village of Baginton

Research the location of the Lunt, why it was constructed there and how it has changed over time

Research the setting, people, clothes and objects relating to the Lunt site and script and perform a Roman film or play about life on the site

> Use the Lunt as a basis for creative writing - produce diaries of Roman soldiers, letters home or design podcasts for modern audiences

> > Create a class 'soundscape' in response to your visit to the Lunt Fort

Research the life of a Roman soldier and compare it with the life of a soldier today

> Visit the Lunt Roman Fort and discover how Roman soldiers lived and trained on the site. Bring a digital camera to record images of the reconstruction

> > Art & Design

History

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Design &

Research the design of Roman forts and

Research Roman food and recipes and

prepare a menu for the guests of the fort's

design and build your own gateway

Technology

Explore and handle real and replica objects at the fort to learn more about Roman life there and in the surrounding area

> Discover and handle replica armour and weapons at the fort and explore the materials used to make them

From a visit to the granary museum explore how the materials used by the Romans to make domestic objects differ from those we use today

techniques and materials

shields for inspiration design and produce your own

Science

An increased ability to carry out historical enquiry through handling real and replica objects.

An improved understanding of chronology, knowledge and understanding of events, people and

changes in the past.

An improved knowledge and understanding of materials and their properties.

An increased understanding of forces and motion.

Create your own clay pots in the classroom based on Roman pottery design,

Using the image of Roman

Improved speaking and listening skills through group discussion and interaction.

A better understanding of drama and language variation.

An improved knowledge, skills and understanding through reading non fiction reports and producing your own.

The Lunt Roman Fort, Baginton www.luntromanfort.org/learning An increased ability to work with materials and produce quality products.

**Commanding Officer** 

An increased ability to plan and communicate ideas. An increased knowledge and understanding of materials and components.

A greater understanding of design and techniques through investigating objects.





The turf ramparts and the wooden Eastern Gateway







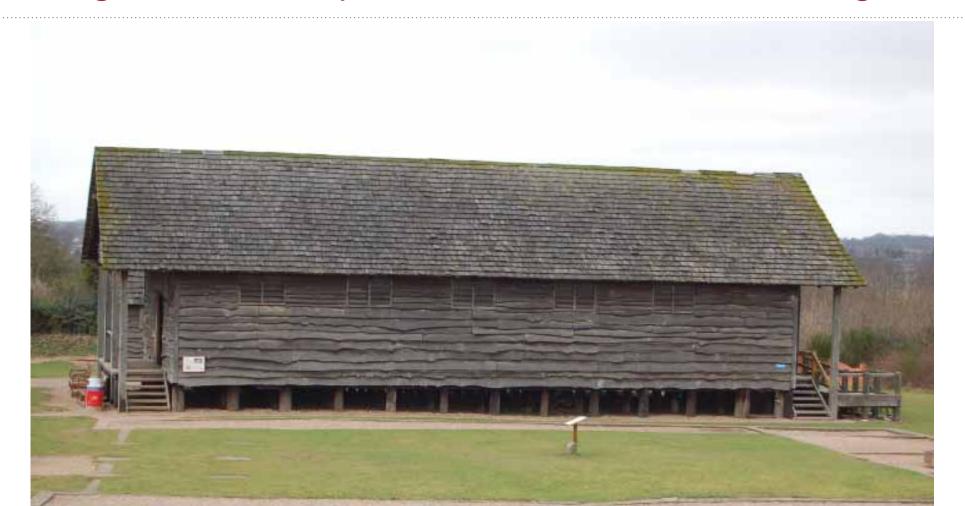


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Front view of the reconstructed granary building which houses the shop and museum

## Following in the Footsteps of Soldiers KS2 Resources: Image Bank



Side view of the granary building







## Following in the Footsteps of Soldiers KS2 Glossary 04



caligae: leather and hobnail boots worn by

Roman soldiers

gladius: a type of Roman sword

granary: a large building for storing wheat or

similar crops

gyrus: a large circular enclosure used for training

horses and soldiers

cingulum: a military belt made from leather and

metal

lorica: protective body armour worn in battle

pilum: a heavy iron tipped throwing spear or

javelin

scutum: a type of military shield, usually oblong

in shape

tunica: a garment like a shirt worn under armour



### Following in the Footsteps of Soldiers KS2 Useful Links 05



If you are interested in finding out more information about the Lunt Roman Fort and Roman military life then have a look at the following websites. Some of them have interactive games or activities on them.

#### The official Lunt Roman Fort website

www.theluntromanfort.org

#### Other sites referring to the Lunt

www.roman-britain.org/places/the\_lunt.htm www.bbc.co.uk/coventry/features/days-out/lunt-fort.shtm/

#### Roman military life

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/romans/army.shtml www.historylink102.com/Rome/roman-army.htm www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/REVhistoryRomasn1.htm