

A detailed Roman mosaic of a bull's head, likely from the House of the Faun in Pompeii. The mosaic is composed of numerous small, irregular tesserae in shades of brown, tan, and grey, creating a textured, three-dimensional effect. The bull's head is shown in profile, facing right, with a prominent eye and a curved horn. The background is a light, neutral color.

# Art How did the Romans create mosaics.

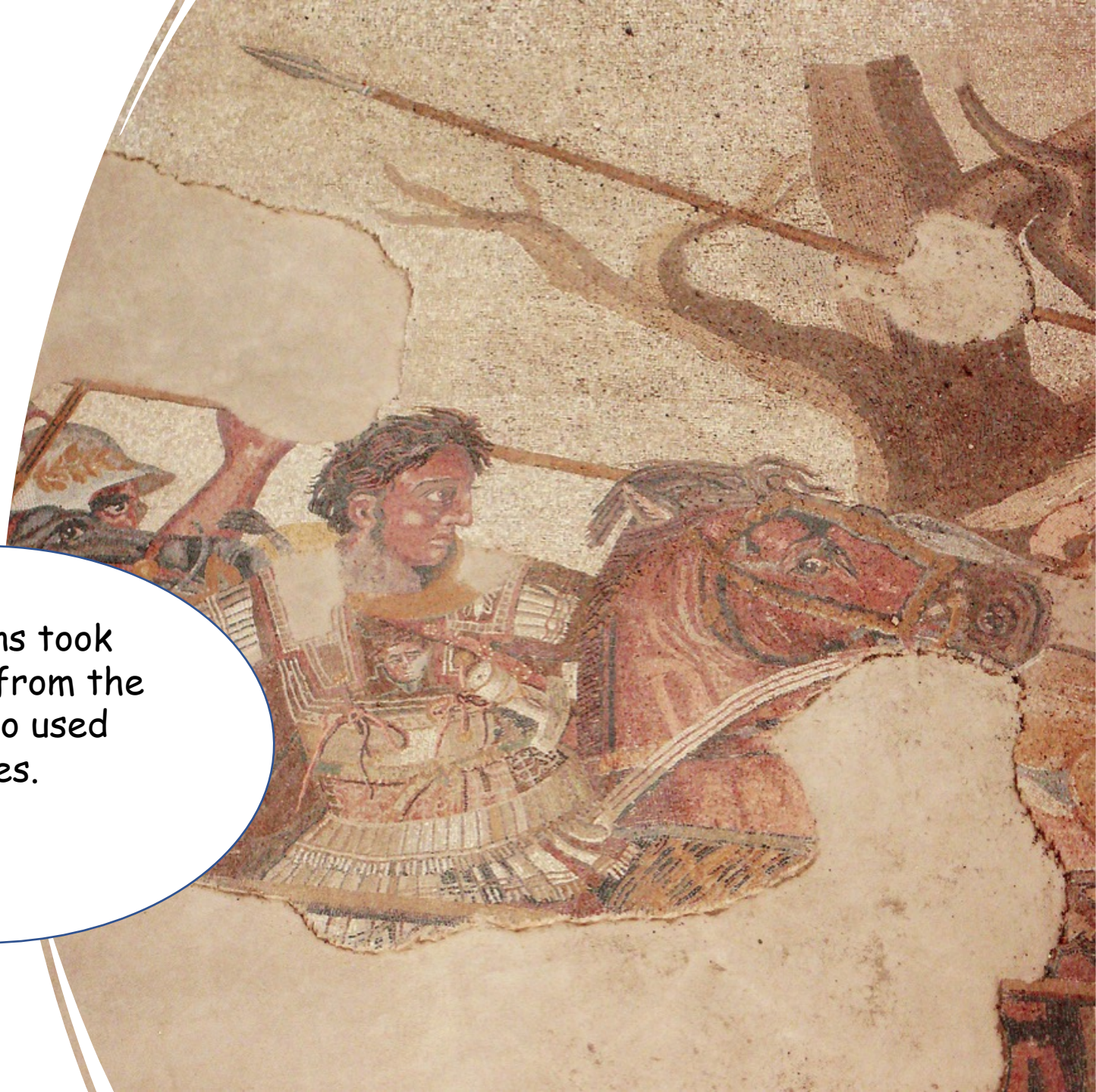
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Roman mosaics have been found that show Roman history and everyday life.

The Romans took the ideas from the Greeks who used tiny pebbles.





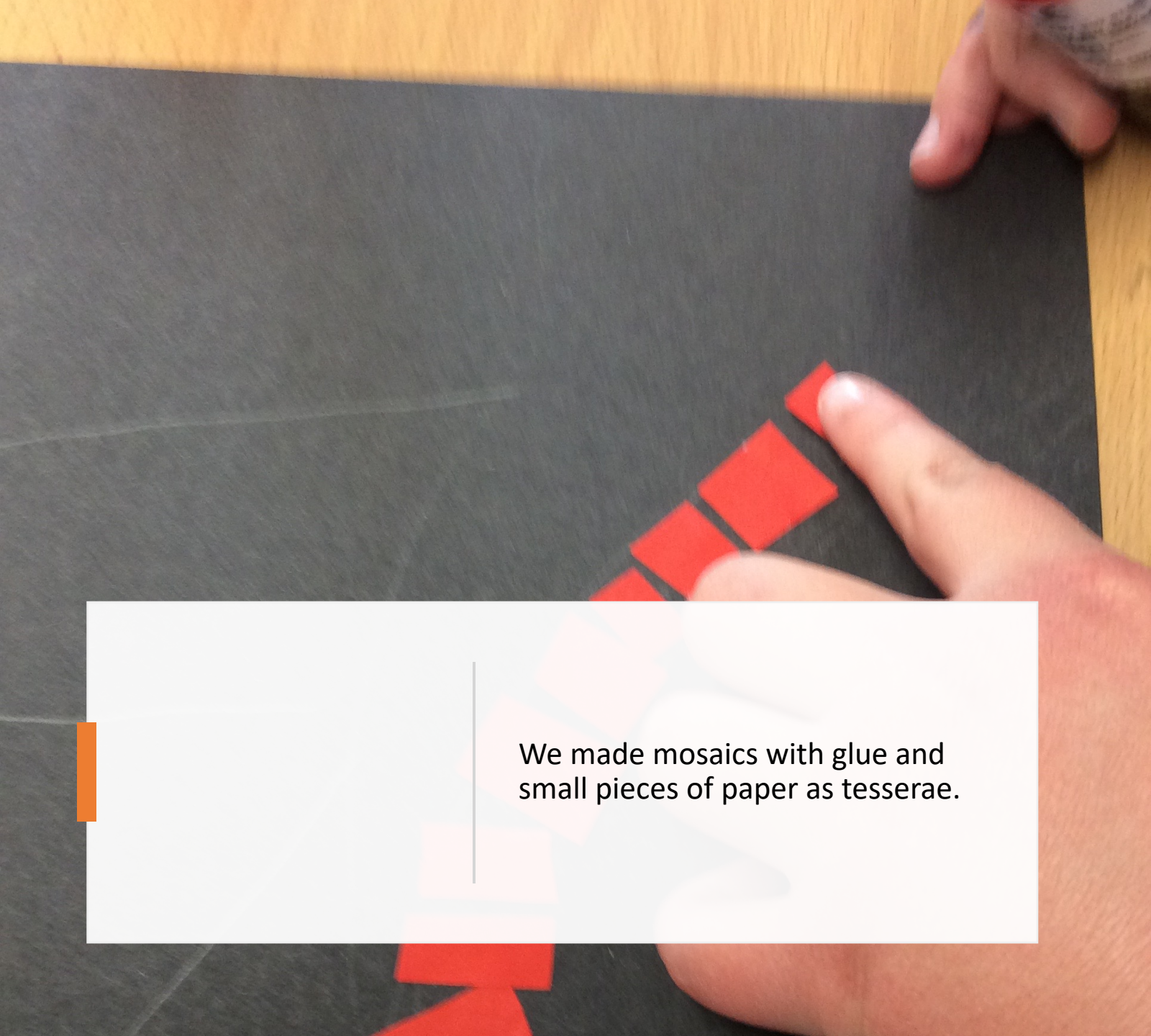
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The mosaics were made from small pieces of tiles called tesserae. The more complicated the pattern the more money the owner had. They were used to show wealth.

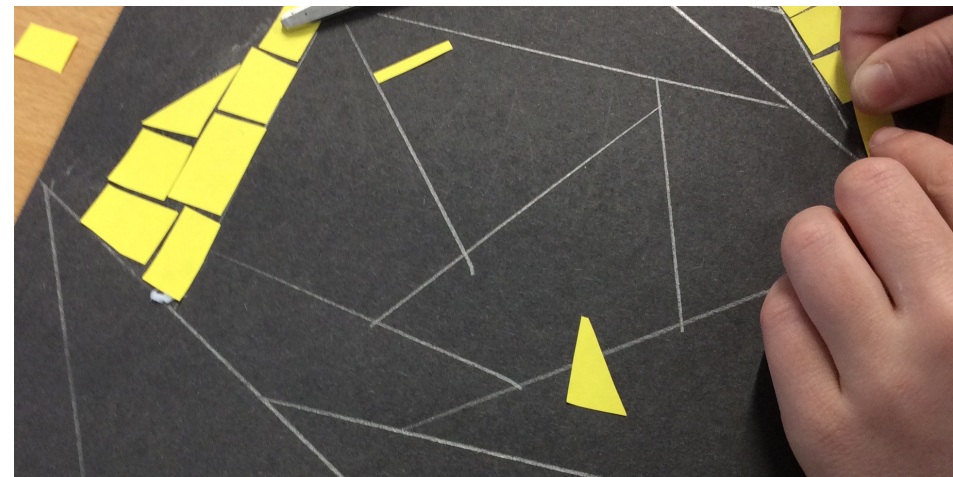
The rich people tended to have more mosaics in their houses.



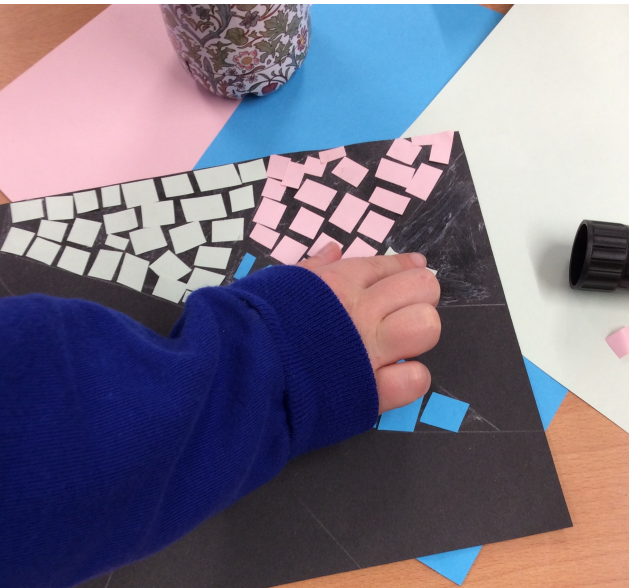




We made mosaics with glue and small pieces of paper as tesserae.







We made intricate designs which took a long time.

It was fun making our own mosaics, using bits of coloured paper on black card.



**Cultural capital**

Appreciating the past and its influence on today. Links to maths and shapes.  
Possible job opportunities in design, art and history  
(English Heritage)

**Skills**

- I can generate a repeating mosaic style pattern using coloured squares.
- I can print a neat boarder design with good technique.
- I can analyse my work and that of others.
- I can design and finish printing a large scale mosaic style picture.
- I can evaluate my finished work.

**Forever Facts**

Roman Mosaics decorated floors or Roman villas or other buildings.

How large and impressive a mosaic was, told people about how rich or powerful the owner was.

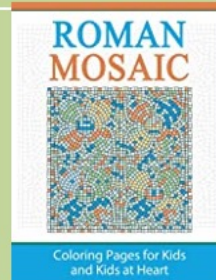
The tiny stones or tiles were called 'tesserae' and these were stuck to the floor with mortar.

It took many thousands of tiny pieces to make a mosaic.

The pictures were sometimes of scene from life in Roman times and sometimes pictures of Gods.

**What I have learnt before:**

Portraits, painting and great artists, Matisse, Vincent Van Gogh

**Exciting Books****Subject Specific Vocabulary**

<b>Mosaics</b>	A pattern or image made of small regular or irregular pieces of coloured stone, glass or ceramic
<b>Tesserae</b>	The tiny stones used to make mosaics.
<b>Print</b>	Make a mark by pressing something on a surface.
<b>Border</b>	The edges of a mosaic.
<b>Mortar</b>	A type of cement that held the tiny stones in place.

**Our Endpoint**

To create a Roman Mosaic.