

## Knowledge Organiser- Year 4 Mosaic Tiles

### **Roman Mosaic Facts**

Roman mosaics were very popular in homes and public building

Roman mosaics were waterproof and easy to clean

They were very detailed and complicated

Each mosaic piece was stuck to the floor with mortar, a type of cement

Mosaic floors were a sign of wealth and importance

Designers of Roman mosaics were considered craftsmen, not artists

Mosaics would often feature geometric designs and other images

Mosaics were also used on ceilings and walls

Many Roman mosaics in Pompeii said “Beware of the Dog” in Latin



This half term Year 4 will be studying **Roman Mosaic Tiling** making their own paper design and tile.

### **Technical Terms:**

**Mosaic**- often used in decorative art or as interior decoration.

**Tessera/tesserae**- small, flat, roughly square, pieces of stone or glass of different colours

**Interstices**- intervening spaces, crevices, gaps

**Tessellation**- an arrangement of shapes closely fitted together, especially of polygons in a repeated pattern without gaps or overlapping