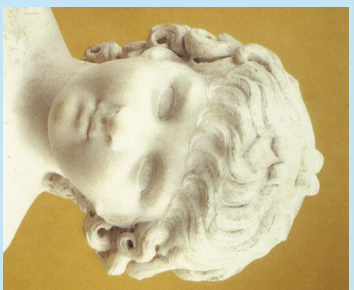


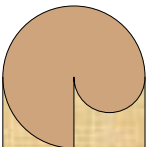
GAIUS AND CLAUDIA,

The Elite Children



If you were an elite child living at Oplontis, what would your life be like?

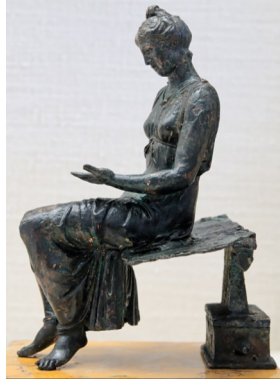
Turn over to learn and explore!



Who Are You?

If you were an elite Roman girl . . .

- You were well educated, but you might be taught by a tutor at home.
- You could be married as early as age 12 or 14.
- You might play with dolls made of ivory or terracotta. A popular game was “knucklebones.” Because you are wealthy, you might play with glass or metal dice instead of real bones.
- Your most important task was to learn to be a good wife and mother someday.



If you were an elite Roman boy . . .

- Your parents had an educated household slave teach you reading, writing, math, law, philosophy, and Greek.
- You wore a protective amulet called a *bulla* and a toga with a broad red stripe (*toga praetexta*).
- You get free time for swimming, wrestling, fishing, and playing with toys.



How would you use these objects?



Explore the exhibition to find these objects and learn more about them.

Things to See and Do

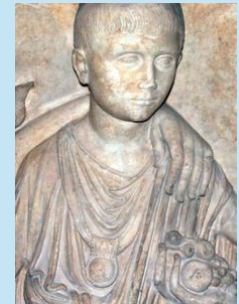
Find someone with the Slave Child scroll . . .

Compare and contrast your life as an Elite Child and the life of the Slave Child. What is the same? What is different?

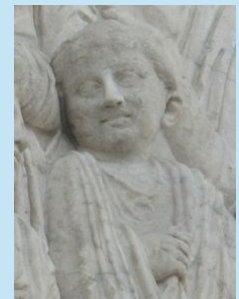
What to Wear?

Roman children wore protective amulets until they became adults.

Boys wore a *bulla* . . .



Girls wore a *lunula* . . .



Do you wear or carry a lucky charm or lucky piece of jewelry?