

Year 5 Autumn Term Knowledge Organiser

KEY QUESTION: Why did the Romans invade Britain and how were they successful?

The Roman Empire was one of the most powerful and successful Empire ever.

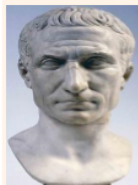
Important People

Emperor Claudius



First Roman emperor to successfully **invade** Britain. Claudius launched the military campaign consisting of 40,000 troops and several war elephants which would lead to the conquest of Britain in 43 AD

Julius Caesar



Famous Roman leader who attempted to **invade** Britain. He won many battles for Rome and helped the Roman **Empire** grow. He was **assassinated** by a large group of Roman Senators in 44 BC, on the Ides of March (15 March).



It is though that one of the reasons the Romans invaded Britain was to conquer land, gain more slaves and collect precious resources such as lead, tin, gold and silver.

Key Dates of the Roman Occupation

753 BC Rome is founded by Romulus

27 BC Augustus becomes the first Roman Emperor

50 AD – London is founded

122 AD Hadrian's Wall built

410 AD Last Romans leave Britain

55 BC Julius Caesar attempts first invasion of Britain

43 AD Roman invasion of Britain

60 AD Boudicca rebels

80 AD Colosseum is built in Rome

312 AD Christianity becomes official religion of Roman empire

Roman Vocabulary

aqueduct	hypocaust	invasion	shield
chariot	imported	Iceni	toga
emperor	rebellion	Boudicca	standard
amphitheatre	governor	Julius Caesar	tunic
gladiator	settlements	Hadrian's Wall	legacy
mosaic	empire	Constantine	caldarium
soldier	legion	Celts	tepidarium
conquer	centurion	armour	strigil

The Roman army was extremely successful. It conquered a vast empire a vast empire that stretched from Britain to the middle East. This was because the soldiers were well trained, had the best weapons and the best armour.



Army Organisation

The soldiers were was organised into **legions**.

The **legion** was then divided into ten **cohorts**

Each **cohort** was made up of six **centuries**

The **centuries** were commanded by a **centurion**

Centuries had 100 men in them



They fought in various formations to protect themselves. Formations include the wedge and the tortoise.



KEY QUESTION: What was the impact of the Roman Invasion?

Boudicca



- Boudicca was a member of the Iceni tribe who lived in Norfolk. The Iceni were initially on good terms with the Romans who had invaded Britain in 43 AD.
- Boudicca was married to King Prasutagus and they had two daughters.
- After Prasutagus died, the Roman Army wanted to take over all of his land.
- Boudicca and her army first attacked Roman Colchester (Camulodunum) and then went on to attack London (Londonium).
- Boudicca's army was eventually defeated and Boudicca is thought to have poisoned herself to avoid capture.

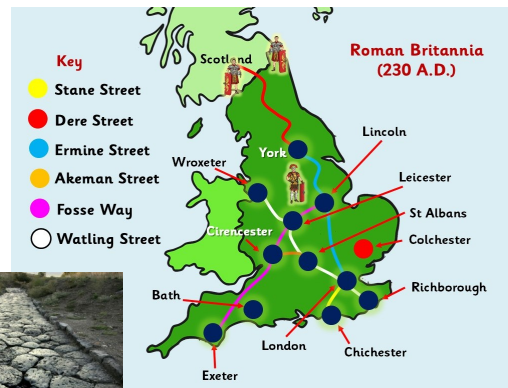
Emperor Hadrian



The Roman emperor from 117 to 138 A.D. He is known for building Hadrian's Wall, which marked the northern limit of Britannia.



Archaeologists have discovered many Roman artefacts along the wall which have helped us to understand what life would have been like for Roman soldiers.



The Romans built a network of roads so that soldiers could march quickly from one place to another and to develop trade links with the



These are some of the texts we will be using during Reading

Activities to do at home

Bring in your work so it can be shared and celebrated

- Research Roman Numerals. Write some facts about yourself in Roman numerals (e.g. age, height, weight). Design and make a clock using Roman numerals.
- Research information about Roman Gods / Goddesses and read Roman myths. Create a Roman God or Goddess fact-file. Write a myth about your God or Goddess.
- Research different Roman Legion standard designs. Create one of your own.
- Find out about Roman foods and use your knowledge to design a Roman menu. Cook one of the dishes and take photos.
- Draw or paint a picture of a scene from Roman times. Eg Roman banquet, chariot race...



What legacy did the Romans leave behind in Britain?

Language	Latin, the official Roman language, forms the roots of many of our words
Buildings	Public baths, amphitheatres, temples can all be seen around Britain
Names	We use Roman names for months (January, July) and planets (Mars, Jupiter)



Latin Prefixes Used in English Words		
Latin Prefix	Meaning	English Words
in, im, il	not	inactive, impossible, illogical
inter	among, between	international