

Key Facts

- Before Common Era (BCE) was the historical time before the birth of Jesus. Common Era (CE) is the time after his birth.
- Roma was a small town, which grew into a major city. The empire which covered Europe, parts of the Middle East and North Africa.
- They conquered Britain for its precious metals (gold, tin and iron), land for farming and cattle.
- Julius Caesar was a General in the army who attempted the invasion of Britain in 55 BCE.
- In 43 CE Emperor Claudius ordered the invasion of Britain, which he organised with 40,000 soldiers and elephants to help with transportation.
- The Roman army was the most powerful fighting force of the ancient age.
- There were two types of soldiers: legionary and auxiliary. The soldiers were expected to train hard and had the best weapons.
- An auxiliary soldier was skilled in archery and riding horses. A legionary was a skilled craftsman or engineer.
- The army changed Britain by building roads, building and walls, which are still in place today (Hadrian's Wall).
- Many Celts tried to rebel against the Romans, including Boudicca.



History

Year 3

Spring 1

The Romans

in Britain



Vocabulary

Word	Definition
invade	one country or a group of countries attack another place.
army	a large body of persons trained and armed for war.
soldier	a person who serves in an army.
weapons	equipment used to fight in battle.
armour	covering to protect against weapons.
emperor	the ruler of an empire.
empire	a group or states or countries ruled by a single leader (emperor).
BCE	Before the Common Era (before Jesus Christ was born)
CE	Common Era (after Jesus Christ was born).
conquer	Successfully taking power over a place or people
rebel/revolt	Resisting the leadership of a person

Timeline of events

753 BCE	55 BCE	1 CE	43 CE	44 CE	61 CE	136 CE	410 CE
Building of Rome begins.	General Julius Caesar invades Britain.	Jesus is born - time period changes to Common Era (CE/AD) from Before Common Era (BCE/BC).	Emperor Claudius orders the invasion of Britain.	Romans name the city Colchester (Camulodunum), which is considered the oldest city in	Roman army defeats revolt under Boudicca .	Hadrian's Wall is built.	Roman rule end sin Britain.

Knowledge and Understanding:

Children will learn:

- The impact of Romans on British society.
- Understand the changes in society e.g. Roman roads, religion and language.
- Understand why the Hadrian's wall was built.
- The role of Julius Caesar in the successful invasion of Britain.
- The resistance under Boudicca.
- Why the Romans left Britain and how this impacted on British society.

Key skills and concepts:

Children will be able to:

Create time line of key events during the Romanisation of Britain.

Sequence events in time order.

Identify and describe what the Roman Impact on Britain was.

Use a range of sources to find out information on Julius Caesar.

Understand Boudicca's rebellion.

Investigate how and why Hadrian's wall was built.

Compare and contrast Roman Britain to today or pre Roman Britain.

Key Questions

Who was Julius Caesar?

Who was Emperor Claudius and why did his Roman army invade Britain?

What was the Roman Empire and the Roman army?

What is Hadrian's wall and why was it built?

Who was Boudicca and what was her rebellion?

How did the Roman Empire end?

Key People



General

Julius Caesar



Emperor Claudius



Boudicca