

The Romans Knowledge Organiser Year 3 Summer Term

Why were the Romans so powerful and what did we learn from them?

The Romans lived in Rome, a city in the centre of the country of Italy. Rome started to grow from a small town into a larger and larger city around the year 753 B.C. They were one of the most powerful, clever and successful ancient civilizations ever.

They ruled over nearly all of Europe and most of north Africa, including Egypt. It is thought that one of the reasons the Romans invaded Britain was to conquer land, gain more slaves and collect the many precious resources in Britain including metals such as lead, tin, gold and silver.



Timeline of events

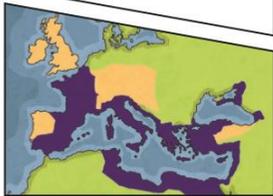
753 BC	The building of Rome begins
4510 BC	Rome becomes a republic. Officials are elected
202 BC	Rome conquers territories outside Italy and its power spreads.
130 BC	Rome conquers Greece and Spain.
55 BC	Julius Caesar attempts first invasion of Britain.
27 BC	Augustus becomes the first Roman Emperor
AD1	Jesus born
43 AD	The Romans conquered Britain
61 AD	Boudicca rebels against the Romans.
122 AD	The building of Hadrian's wall begins
200 AD	Rome is attacked by the Barbarians
410 AD	Roman rule in Britain comes to an end
455 AD	Vandals destroy Rome and the Empire collapses

Vocabulary

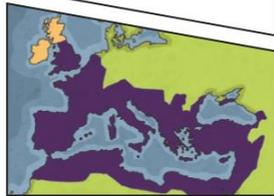
Legion	One unit of the Roman army; had 4,000 to 6,000 soldiers in. Lead by a centurion.
Emperor	The leader of an Empire. Similar to a King or a Queen
Invasion	One country attacking another to take it over
Senate	The Roman government
Villa	A Roman country house
Mosaic	A picture made up of lots of tiny pieces fitted together
Forum	A Roman town square
Centurion	A Roman army officer
Celts	Tribes who ruled southern Britain before the Romans came
Britannia	The Roman name for Britain
Amphitheatre	An open – air stadium
Roman Empire	The name used for land controlled by the Romans, including parts of Europe, Middle East and North Africa
Iceni	A tribe of Celts who lived in the east of Britain
Caesar	The first emperor (leader) of the Roman empire.
Conquer	To beat an enemy in a battle.

Maps of the Roman Empire

Map showing the Roman Empire in 44 BC



Map showing the Roman Empire in AD 305



Hadrian's wall



Aquae Sulis (Bath)

Londinium (London)

Important people



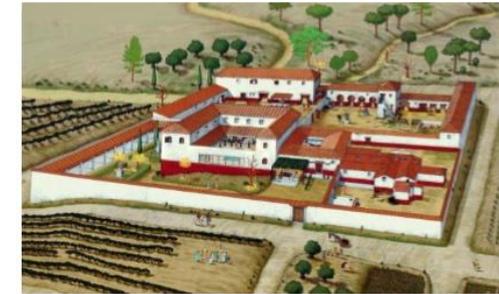
Caesar Augustus was the first Emperor of Rome. He was a powerful leader who won many battles.

Boudicca

Boudicca was a Celtic queen who is famous for rising up against the Roman occupation in AD60 or 61. She was the joint ruler of the British Iceni tribe, who lived in a region of Britain now known as East Anglia, with her husband, Prasutagus.



A Roman Villa was built around a central courtyard, they would contain beautiful mosaics, underfloor heating and many rooms for feasts and celebrations.



The Roman Army was a powerful and highly organised group of soldiers who conquered lands in Europe and North Africa.



