



Year 4
Summer 1: The Romans



Vocabulary

Roman	A person living Rome, or a citizen of the Roman Empire.
Celt	People living in Britain after the iron Age.
Chief	The leader, ruler or king.
Empire	Many countries who are led by one ruler.
Emperor	The leader or king of an empire.
Invasion	When a foreign army enters another country or land by force.
Conquer	To take control of land.
To rebel	To fight back against someone who is in control.
Settlement	A place where people decide to live.
Gladiator	A man trained to fight against other men or animals in an arena.
BC	Before Christ
AD	Anno Domini (in the year of our lord)

Need to know knowledge:

- 1) Know that the Roman civilisation began in 753 BC and was ended in 476 AD.
- 2) Know that Rome is a city in Italy.
- 3) Know that the Roman armies were led by a centurion (a Roman army leader). A large group of soldiers were called legions. The emperor was the commander of all legions.
- 4) Know that Julius Caesar became the ruler of the Roman Empire, but he died a few years later.
- 5) Know that the Roman Empire was a group of countries that Rome ruled over.
- 6) Know that Claudius became the Roman emperor in 41 AD and invaded Britain in 43 AD.

Nice to know knowledge:

Britain and the first invasions by the Roman Army

We now call the people that lived in Britain between 750BC and 12BC **Celts**. They lived in settlements like hill forts. They were ruled by chiefs.

The Romans had a huge, organised army that included very skilled soldiers. In 55BC and 54BC, the general of Rome called **Julius Caesar** invaded Britain. He brought his organised army that had 25,000 men and 800 ships.

The **Celts in Britain** were **disorganised** and fought in small groups.

Julius Caesar won some battles but had to return to Gaul (an area we now call France) as people had begun to rebel against him.

The Romans invaded Britain to conquer land, gain more slaves and collect the many precious resources in Britain including metals such as lead, tin, gold and silver. Ultimately they wanted more power.

The Roman Army conquering Britain

In 41 AD, The new emperor of Rome, **Claudius**, decided to invade Britain again. He came to Britain with 4,000 soldiers, war machines and elephants.

He conquered most of Britain. **People and their land now belonged to Rome.**

Life in Britain became more like life in Rome. The Romans built towns and roads, which still exist today.

The end of the Roman rule in Britain

Around 250 AD the Roman Empire became very large and they needed more soldiers. It was difficult to maintain such a big army and the Romans started to have problems because of this. Too many rebels attacked, and by 400 AD the Roman Army left Britain.



