



Year 4
Summer 2: 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 Romans built roads, sewers and aqueducts. Aqueducts carried fresh water.
- 2) Know that the Romans turned towns that they conquered into Roman towns which were similar to those in Italy.
- 3) Know that the Romans built a small city called Londinium which we now know as London.
- 4) Know that Boudicca didn't want to lose her land to the Romans and led the Celtic tribes (Celts) to rebel against them.
- 5) Know that the Roman emperor called Hadrian decided to build a wall to keep Scotland separate from England. This wall is called Hadrian's Wall. It is 73 miles long.
- 6) Know that the Romans left Britain completely in 410AD. They left to protect Rome from Barbarian invaders.

Nice to know knowledge:

Britain and the first invasions by the Roman Army

1. 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.

2. The Romans had a **huge, organised army** that included very skilled soldiers.

3. In 55BC and 54BC, the general of Rome called **Julius Caesar**, invaded Britain.

4. He brought his organised army that had 25,000 men and 800 ships.

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

6. 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.

7. 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

8. In 41 AD, The new emperor of Rome, **Claudius**, decided to invade Britain again.

9. He came to Britain with 40,000 soldiers, war machines and elephants.

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

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

