



The Romans

Year 4

Key Dates

- 753BCE: Building of Rome begins.
- 55BC August: Julius Caesar attempted to invade Britain for the first time. They had an advantage but the weather meant they had to leave.
- 43AD: Romans invade Britain and it becomes part of the Roman Empire.
- 61AD: Iceni revolt led by Boudicca.
- 70AD: The Romans conquer Wales and the North.
- 80AD: The Coliseum of Rome is built.
- 122AD: Construction of Hadrian's wall.
- 200AD: Introduction of Christianity.
- 409AD: Britons expel Roman officials and fight for themselves.
- 401-410AD: The Romans withdraw from Britain: Anglo-Saxon migrants begin to settle. Britain is no longer part of the Roman Empire.

Key Questions

- When did the Romans invade England?
- What is the significance of Romans on English history?
- What did the Romans leave behind?
- What was it like to be a Roman soldier?
- Who were the main people that influenced the Romans?
- Who is Boudicca and the Iceni tribe?
- What was life like for a Roman soldier?
- How was Roman life different to life today?

Key Vocabulary

- AD Addo Domini:** The time after the birth of Jesus Christ.
- Aqueduct:** A structure, like a bridge, which is used to carry water.
- Archaeologist:** A person who studies history by digging up objects to tell us about its past.
- BC Before Christ:** The time before the birth of Jesus Christ.
- Celtic tribes:** The tribes (Celts) that lived in Britain during the Iron age. They also lived on mainland Europe.
- Chariot:** A vehicle with two wheels pulled by horses or ponies.
- Citizen:** A person belonging to a country and has the legal rights offered to the people of that country.
- Conquer:** To take control of a place by fighting.
- Emperor:** A person who rules an empire.
- Empire:** A group of countries that are controlled by one ruler.
- Gladiator:** A person who fought people or animals for entertainment.
- Government:** A group of people who control and make decisions for a country.
- Hypocaust:** Under-floor heating system used by the Romans.
- Iceni tribe:** A Celtic tribe led by Boudicca into a rebellion against the Romans.
- Latin:** The language used by the Romans.
- Legion:** The main unit of the Roman army.
- Picts:** A Celtic tribe lived in Northern Britain - now Scotland.
- Public Bath:** A building, like a Spa today, where people went to wash, exercise and meet other people.