William Barnes Primary School

Unit: Romans

Year 4 – Autumn Term

What should I already know?

- The Stone Age was when early humans used tools from stone. This is also known as pre-history.
- The seven continents and five oceans.
- That we live in England, which is part of the United Kingdom.
- The United Kingdom is a country in the continent of Europe.
- London is the capital city of England, a country in the United Kingdom.

Historical Skills and Enquiry

Can I explain the spread of the Roman empire and recall key facts about the invasion of Britain?





- Map work: spread of the Roman empire.
- Timeline of the spread of the Roman empire.

Can I understand how the Roman empire affected different people?

Can I understand why the Romans built new roads in Britain, know where some of the main roads ran from and know how the roads were made?

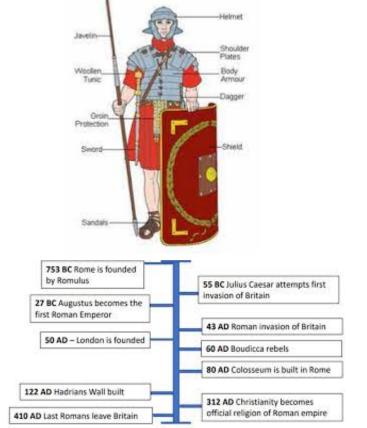
- Queen Boudicca's rebellion. How the Iceni felt and reacted to the changes that were being made.
- Differences between Romans and Celts clothing, housing, living conditions



- Map work
- Labelled

diagram of Roman road

Diagrams - A Roman Soldier's equipment. A Roman Timeline



Vocabulary

Aqueduct - A system of pipes and channels which brings clean water into towns

Barbarian - A person who lived outside the Roman Empire, seen as having a violent nature

Cavalry - Soldiers who fight on horseback

Chariot - Cart with two wheels pulled by horses. Romans raced chariots, and Celtic warriors rode into battle on them

Cohort - Roman army unit

Gladiator - A slave trained to fight other gladiators or animals in amphitheatres

Iceni - a Celtic tribe who lived in eastern England

Latin - The language spoken and written by the Romans

Legion - A military unit recruited from Roman citizens and usually around 5000 men in strength

Londinium - The Roman name for London

Mosaic - A pattern made from coloured pieces of stones and pottery

Roman - A person who lives in or comes from Rome in Italy

Queen Boudicca - The wife of the ruler of the Iceni tribe

Tax - Money or items given to the government. This payment helped to pay for things like soldiers in the army and building roads

Tribe - A group of people who live in one part of a country and are ruled by a chief

Villa - A large house in the country. Some villas were farmhouses, and some were like palaces

What should I know by the end of the unit?

- The Romans originated from Rome, Italy
- They invaded and conquered many countries
- The Celts defended Britain against the Romans
- The Romans were successful in invading Britain
- The Romans radically impacted the way of life for Britain
- The Romans gave Britain: language, laws, calendar, number system, roads etc.
- The Romans left Britain in AD 410 to defend their home in Italy

Additional learning opportunities

ROMAN DAY: Roman recipes, Making Roman shields - D&T, clay broaches- art.

English - information text about the Roman Army.

Computing: Roman God and Goddesses - PowerPoint presentations.