



Knowledge Organiser

Year 2/3 (History)

The Romans



"Sticky Knowledge"

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. They did not see themselves as individuals as they wanted to succeed as a team. **The Roman Army** was very organised and they followed all of the instructions their leader gave to them. The Romans used various formations to protect themselves. Formations included the wedge and **the tortoise**.

"Key Figures"



Boudicca, (30AD – 61AD) an Iceni leader who led a Celt rebellion against the Roman invaders.

Julius



Caesar, failed to invade Britain twice in 55AD.



Claudius, Emperor who successfully invaded Britain in 43AD.

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

Key Vocabulary

Invasion	One country attacking another to take it over.
Legion	One unit of the Roman army; had 4,000 to 6,000 soldiers in. Led by a centurion.
Emperor	The leader of an empire similar to a king or queen.
Amphitheatre	Where the Romans would go to be entertained.
Mosaic	One picture made up of thousands of small tiles (tessellates).
Senate	The Roman government.
Celts	People living in Britain and some parts of Europe after the Iron Age.
BC (Before Christ)	Used to show the years before Christ was born.
AD (Anno Domini)	Used to show the years after Christ was born.
Rebel (noun)	A person who fights against an authority.

Timeline

753 BC	55 BC	27 BC	43 AD	60 AD	410 AD
Rome is founded by Romulus	Julius Caesar attempts first invasion of Britain.	Augustus becomes the first Roman Emperor.	Roman invasion of Britain.	Tribes lead by Boudicca attack Roman force.	Romans leave Britain and return to Italy.

In this unit of work we will be covering: changes in Britain. *(Events, people and changes)*



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