



History

The Romans

Year 3

Term: 2

Important Facts:

- The Roman Empire started in Rome, Italy.
- The Roman Empire spread across modern day Italy to countries in Europe, Africa and Asia.
- Rome became so powerful because of the strength of its army.
- Soldiers were the best trained, they had the best weapons and the best armour.
- Julius Caesar first invaded Britain in 55BC. He took 10,000 men with him. It took more than one attempt to successfully invade Britain.
- The Romans wanted Britain's precious metals.
- Boudicca lived in Britain around the time of the Romans invasion. She attempted to defy the Romans, who seized her property.
- Emperor Hadrian built a wall on the Scottish border. It was designed to stop tribes in Scotland attacking England.
- Romans built new forts, new settlements and roads.
- They built aqueducts to supply towns with water from springs, lakes or rivers.
- They also built grand country houses called 'villas'. These had many rooms, some with beautifully painted walls, mosaic floors and even central heating.
- People mainly lived in small villages of wooden houses with thatched roofs.
- Romans enjoyed playing board games, dice games, hunting, watching gladiator fights and chariot races. They also liked going to the theatre. Family life was an important part of Roman life.
- Romans gave us new towns, plants, animals, a new religion and ways of reading and counting. Even the word 'Britain' came from the Romans.
- The Romans stayed in Britain from 43 AD to 410 AD. (367 years)

43 AD
Romans invade and Britain becomes part of the Roman Empire.

61 AD
Boudicca leads the Iceni in revolt against the Romans.

122-128 AD
Emperor Hadrian builds a wall on the Scottish Border.

401-410 AD
The Romans left Britain.

Key Vocabulary:

- AD:** Anno Domini – The time after the birth of Jesus Christ.
BC: Before Christ. The time before the birth of Jesus Christ.
Aqueduct: A manmade channel used for delivering water to Roman towns.
Emperor: The leader of an empire.
Consul: The highest position in the Roman government.
Barbarian: A term used by the Romans to refer to people who lived outside the Roman Empire.
Julius Caesar: A Roman military general who invaded Britain
Boudicca: Queen of Iceni Tribe
Toga: A garment woven from white wool
Colosseum: A famous amphitheatre located in Rome, Italy
Amphitheatre: The place where gladiator fights, animal hunts and theatre shows happened.
Mosaic: A pattern produced by arranging together small pieces of stone.
Villa: A large farm with a big house for the owners.
Conquered: to overcome and take control of a place or people by military force

Internet Sites:

- This site has a gallery of Roman mosaic images http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/romans/mosaics_gallery.shtml
 This site has some great images with interesting associated facts and a link to an interactive mosaic <http://gwydir.demon.co.uk/jo/mosaic/info.htm#some>
 This site has some great images with interesting associated facts <http://primaryfacts.com/3577/roman-mosaics-facts-and-information>