

Year 4: The Romans

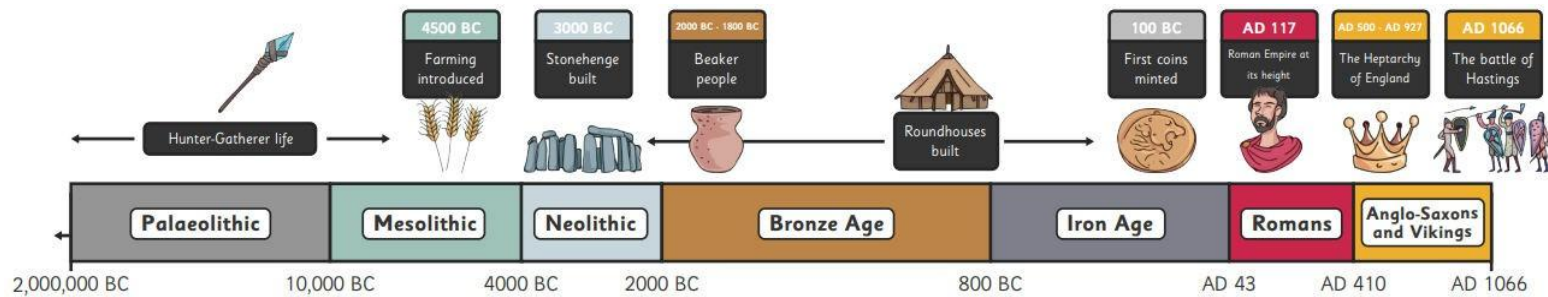
Key Vocabulary

Celts	The people living in Britain
chariot	A two or four-wheeled cart pulled by horses that carried people along.
emperor	The ruler of an empire
invasion	One country attacking another to take over
legion	A large section of the Roman army, made up of 5000 soldiers
legionary	A Roman soldier who belonged to a legion
mosaic	A pattern or picture made from small pieces of stone
pantheon	A temple dedicated to all of the gods.
Picts	Tribes from Caledonia
Roman Empire	The name used for the land that was controlled by the Romans.
sauna	A small room used as a hot air or steam bath for cleaning and refreshing the body.
tunic	A loose, white piece of clothing that was worn by men and women.

Who was Boudicca?

Boudicca was a Celtic queen who fought against the Romans when they came to take her land.

Her army destroyed the Roman cities of Colchester, St Albans and London by burning them to the ground one by one.



Why did the Romans invade England?

Why the Romans came to Britain is not quite certain. Two reasons have been suggested:

1. The Romans were cross with Britain for helping the Gauls (now called the French) fight against the Roman general Julius Caesar.
2. They came to Britain looking for riches - land, slaves, and most of all, iron, lead, zinc, copper, silver and gold.

How did they control such a vast empire?



Warfare - The Romans became so powerful because of its army. The soldiers were the best trained and had the best weapons and armour.

55-54 BC Julius Caesar's attempted invasion	43 AD Romans invade and Britain becomes part of the Roman Empire.	60-61 AD Boudicca leads the revolt against the Romans	122-128 AD Emperor Hadrian builds a wall on the Scottish Border	306 AD Constantine the Great declared Emperor at York	401-410 AD The Romans withdraw from Britain

How have the Romans impacted on our lives?

Buildings - public baths, amphitheatres, bridges and temples.

Language - Latin, which was the official Roman language forms the roots of many of the words we use today. We still use Roman names for months (January, July) and planets (Mars, Jupiter).

Religion - The Roman's introduced Christianity to Britain

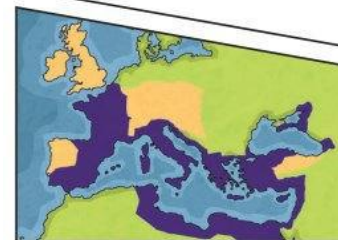
Agriculture - The Romans used aqueducts to carry water to the crops and plants. Dams were also built to provide fresh water for crops, animals and people.

Roads -

Why did the Roman Empire come to an end?

The Roman Empire was being attacked in other countries so soldiers were called to fight elsewhere. Civil wars and chaos erupted across the Roman Empire during the 3rd century. This crisis saw around 20 emperors rise and fall in just 50 years!

Map showing the Roman Empire in 44 BC



Map showing the Roman Empire in AD 305

