

Romans



Curriculum Links:

The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain

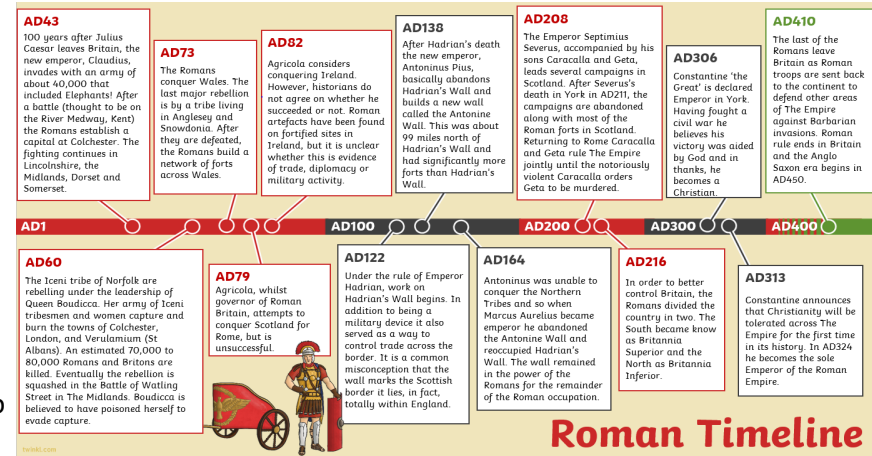
Key Facts:

- The Ancient Romans ruled one of the largest and richest empires in history from 43 AD to 410 AD. Their unstoppable army conquered most of Europe, North Africa and Middle East.
- The Roman armies were famous for their fighting ability, they were well disciplined and organised. The backbone of the army were made up by foot soldiers called legionaries who were equipped with armour and weapons.
- Romans worshipped hundreds of gods and goddesses, they also worshipped the spirits of the emperors.
- The Romans invaded Britain to conquer land, gain slaves and collect as many resources as possible. Their goal was to gain as much power as possible.
- Julius Caesar, the general of Rome, attempted to invade Britain with an army of 25,000 men, however, when people rebelled against him, he retreated. Claudius successfully invaded Britain in 41AD.
- The Romans established themselves in Britain and develop paved straight roads and infrastructure e.g. sewage. The towns and roads which the Romans built still exist today.
- The Roman Empire became so big that it was difficult to maintain, too many rebels attacked and by 400AD the Romans left Britain.

Possible trips/visits: We should already know:

- Roman workshop
- Lullinstone Roman villa
- Maidstone Museum
- Kent Life
- Hever Castle
- Canterbury Roman Museum

- The UK is a country in the continent of Europe
- The four countries of the UK
- London is the capital city of the UK



Key Vocabulary

Aqueduct	A man made channel that carries water
Emperor	The leader of an empire
Empire	Individual nations that are controlled by the government or ruler of a particular country
Fortress	A castle of large building which is intended to be difficult for enemies to enter
Infrastructure	Basic facilities such as transport, communications, power supplies and buildings
Invasion	When a foreign army enters a country by force
Legionaries	Roman foot soldiers who were armed with weapons
Raid	A sudden armed attack against a place
Settlement	When people start a new community