

Alverton School History Knowledge Organiser Years 5 and 6 - Romans in Britain

What we already know:

England is a country of the United Kingdom in the British Isles.

Prior to the Roman Invasion is a period known as Pre-History as there are no written records of the time.

The three periods of Pre-History are the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. The period immediately prior to the Romans, the Iron Age, saw a group of people called the Celts inhabiting Britain. They lived in separate tribes, in roundhouses, often in hillforts. The discovery of how to make iron allowed them to make stronger and harder weapons and tools which advanced their society.

Super Six

The Romans invaded unsuccessfully in BCE55 and BCE54 with Julius Caesar before the successful invasion by Claudius in CE43.

The Romans invaded for several reasons. They wanted the natural resources such as tin, lead, silver and gold as well as the timber, cattle and sheep. They also wanted to take slaves and win greater glory for Rome.

Boudicca and the Iceni tribe started a rebellion against the Romans. They gathered other tribes and destroyed Colchester, St Albans and London before being defeated at the Battle of Watling Street

The Roman Army was so good because it was far more advanced than the Celtic tribes. Romans had better weapons, armour and well-practised battle tactics.

The Romans introduced many things to Britain, the remains of which have told us about their way of life. They include buildings, towns, roads, laws, government, vegetables and the calendar.

The last Romans left Britain in 410CE to defend Rome against attacks from barbarians. After they had gone, Britain was open to invasion by other groups.

Key Vocabulary

Invasion	One country attacking another to take it over.
Settlers	A group of people who move to a new place to make a new life.
Emperor	The leader of an empire. Similar to a king or queen.
Legion	An army unit in Ancient Rome.
Architecture	The style or way of building
Barbarian	A term used by Romans to describe people outside the Roman Empire.
Rebellion	People joining together to fight a certain group who are in power.
Aqueduct	A manmade channel used to get water into roman towns
Tribes	A group of people living together under a leader.

753 BC Rome is founded by Romulus

27 BC Augustus becomes the first Roman Emperor

50 AD – London is founded

122 AD Hadrians Wall built

410 AD Last Romans leave Britain

55 BC Julius Caesar attempts first invasion of Britain

43 AD Roman invasion of Britain

60 AD Boudicca rebels

80 AD Colosseum is built in Rome

312 AD Christianity becomes official religion of Roman empire

Romans in Britain Timeline

