

Willerby Carr Lane Primary School - History

Topic: The Roman Empire and its Impact on Britain

Year: 3

Strand: British History

What should I already know?

- That it was during the Iron Age that the Romans invaded Britain
- The Celts were living in Britain during this time
- That the Celts were skilled at making tools and weapons out of Iron and as well as skilled at building settlements.

What will I know by the end of the unit?



When did the Romans invade?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First invasion on Britain 55BC – Julius Caesar and failed • Second invasion on Britain 43 AD – Emperor Claudius, successful
Why did they invade and why were they so successful?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They came to Britain looking for riches - land, slaves, and most of all, iron, lead, zinc, copper, silver and gold. • Roman empire started in Rome, Italy. It spread across modern day Italy to countries in Europe, Africa and Asia. • Rome became so powerful because of its strength of its army. • Their soldiers were the best trained, they had the best weapons and the best armour.
What was the impact of the Roman invasion on Britain?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads • Sanitation and water supply • Cement and bricks • Paved streets and pavements • Christianity • The word 'Britain' • Numerals Writing • New plants and animals • The idea of living in big towns and cities • The names of cities like London, Chester, Doncaster, Manchester
Why was Hadrian's wall built?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hadrian's Wall was a stone barrier built to separate the Romans and the Picts tribes in Scotland • The wall was Hadrian's attempt to establish a defensible border between southern Britain and the unconquered north • It allowed Roman soldiers to control the movements of people coming into or leaving Roman Britain

Who was Queen Boudicca ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celtic warrior and leader of the Iceni tribe • She rebelled against the Romans rule • She had successful battles but was eventually killed
When and why did the Romans leave Britain?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 410 AD • They stayed 367 years • The Roman Empire was being attacked by many different barbarian tribes and soldiers stationed in Britain were recalled to Rome

Vocabulary

AD (Anno Domini)	used to show the years after Jesus was born.
BC (Before Christ)	used to show the years before Jesus was born
aqueducts	a channel for carrying water
amphitheatre	where gladiator fights, animal hunts and theatre shows happened.
Celts	people living in Britain and some parts of Europe after the Iron Age.
century	100 years
chiefs	leader, ruler or king.
conquer	take control of another land
emperor	leader, ruler or king of an empire
empire	many countries that are ruled by one leader
gaul	the area of Western Europe in the past.
invasion	when a foreign army enters a country by force
mosaic	a pattern produced by arranging together small pieces of stone
rebel (noun)	a person who fights against an authority
rebel (verb)	to refuse to be controlled by an authority
resources	the valuable things that can be found in a country.
settlement	a place where people decide to live
villa	a grand country house

Key Dates / Timeline	
Date	Event
55 BC	Julius Caesar attempts first invasion of Britain
43 AD	Roman invasion of Britain
50 AD	London is founded
60 AD	Boudicca rebels
80 AD	Colosseum is built in Rome
122 AD	Hadrian's Wall built
410 AD	Last Romans leave Britain

Important figures	Image
Julius Caesar - Famous Roman leader who attempted to invade Britain	
Emperor Claudius - First Roman emperor to successfully invade Britain	
Boudicca - Celtic queen who fought back against the Romans	

Spread of the Roman Empire

