

# All Saints CE Primary School and Nursery Knowledge Organiser

Year: 3

History: Romans

**History Key question: Were the Romans really great?**

Curriculum Strands: The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain



## Timeline



The first Romans lived in Italy nearly 3000 years ago. They founded the city of Rome in 753 BC and, over the centuries, **conquered** many lands to create a huge **empire**.



### Julius Caesar Invades in 55 BC and 54 BC

The Roman General Julius Caesar made two attempts to **conquer** Britain. He wanted to add the rich land to the **Roman Empire** and punish the **Celts** for helping his enemies. His **legions** weren't able to overcome the **Celts** in 55 BC or 54 BC, but some leaders did pay tributes (a tax) so the Romans would leave. This meant the **Celts** could continue to live as they were.



### Emperor Claudius Conquers Britain in AD 43

In AD 43, **Emperor** Claudius launched a third attack on Britain. He sent a powerful and well-organised army of around 40,000 men (that landed in southern England) to **conquer** the **Celtic tribes**. This time, much of Britain (or Britannia as the Romans called it) did become another province of Rome.

### Roman Roads and Towns

The Roman army are famous for building long, straight roads. Special engineers planned these roads and they criss-crossed the whole **Roman Empire**. They boosted trade, communication with the **Emperor** and helped the **legions** to keep control of all the different provinces.



The Romans built new towns all over Britain. Each one had a marketplace, town hall, shops, temples and homes; larger towns had an amphitheatre. Bath houses were elaborately designed and were popular places to relax and meet friends.

## Boudicca

Born: 30 AD

Died: 61 AD

- Boudicca was a member of the Iceni tribe who lived in Norfolk. The Iceni were initially on good terms with the Romans who had invaded Britain in 43 AD.
- Boudicca was married to King Prasutagus and they had two daughters.
- After Prasutagus died, the Roman Army wanted to take over all of his land.
- Boudicca and her army first attacked Roman Colchester (Camulodunum) and then went on to attack London (Londonium).
- Boudicca's army was eventually defeated and Boudicca is thought to have poisoned herself to avoid capture.



## Caratacus

### King Caratacus (First century AD)



The Romans attacked Britain in AD 43. I was the King of one of the British tribes. We were called the Catuvellauni. We tried to stop the Romans taking over Britain.

753 BC	Rome is founded by Romulus.
55 BC	Julius Caesar attempts first invasion of Britain.
27 BC	Augustus becomes the first Roman Emperor.
43 AD	Roman invasion of Britain.
60AD	Tribes lead by Boudicca attack Roman force.
410AD	Romans leave Britain and return to Italy.

### Key Vocabulary

**Celts**

**Romans**

**Empire**

**Conquest**

**Culture**

**Legion**

**Rebellion**

**Citizen**

**Revolt**

### Did you know?

- The calendar we use today is based on the Roman Calendar, and some of our months are names after Roman gods or rulers.
- The Romans were famous for their amazing feasts!
- The Romans didn't have soap. Instead they covered their bodies with oil and scraped it off with a curved metal tool called a strigil.