

# Romans Knowledge Organiser Y4 Term Autumn 2

**Big Question: How did the Ancient Roman invasion influence so much of our life today?**

<b>55 BC</b> Julius Caesar heads first Roman invasion of England but later withdraws	<b>44 BC</b> Julius Caesar is murdered in Rome	<b>43 AD</b> Romans invade Britain and it becomes part of the Roman Empire	<b>50 AD</b> London is founded	<b>61 AD</b> Boudicca leads the Iceni in revolt against the Romans	<b>80 AD</b> The Colosseum of Rome is built	<b>97 AD</b> Gloucester was founded by the Romans under Emperor Nerva as Colonia Glevum Nervensi	<b>122-128 AD</b> Emperor Hadrian builds a wall on the Scottish border	<b>140 AD</b> The Romans conquer Scotland	<b>401-410 AD</b> The Romans withdraw from Britain: Anglo-Saxon migrants begin to settle
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## Key facts about The Romans.

The Romans left Britain over 1,500 years ago.

Rome is the capital city of Italy – it has a population of 2.8million people

By AD 117 the Roman Empire included the whole of Italy, all the lands around the Mediterranean and much of Europe, including England, Wales and parts of Scotland.

In order to defend themselves from Roman invasion, the northern frontier built a wall called Hadrian's wall.

The Romans believed in gods and goddesses who ruled over different areas of life. For example, Neptune was the god of the ocean.

During battle, a Roman soldier or 'legionary' first hurled his spear at the enemy, then he fought him with his sword. To protect himself, he carried a wooden shield and wore a metal helmet and armour.

Boudicca led a revolt against the Romans in 60AD. Boudicca and her rebel army led attacks on Londonium and St Albans burning the cities to the ground. In 61AD, they were defeated due to the Romans' superior training and weaponry.

The Romans left Britain with a fantastic legacy – they invented heated baths, heating systems (hypocausts), road systems, newspapers, sewage and highways.

## VOCABULARY

<b>Romanisation</b>	The process of making changes in Britain by the Romans.
<b>Invasion</b>	An instance of invading a country or region with an armed force.
<b>Britannia</b>	The Roman name for Britain
<b>Celts</b>	The people who lived in tribes and ruled southern Britain before the Romans arrived
<b>Centurion</b>	A Roman army officer.
<b>Empire</b>	A group of countries that are controlled by one ruler.
<b>Emperor</b>	The leader of the Empire.
<b>Gladiator</b>	A person who fought people or animals for entertainment.
<b>Legion</b>	The main unit of the Roman army
<b>Boudicca</b>	Boudicca was the queen of Britain wife of the King of Iceni (Norfolk) during the Roman rule of Britain. Once her husband died, the Roman humiliated her family prompting a revolt in which Boudicca led.