

# History

# The Romans

# Year 4

## Key Vocabulary

WORD	DEFINITION
Aqueduct	A manmade channel used for delivering water to Roman towns.
Barbarian	A term used used by the Romans to refer to people who lived outside the Roman Empire.
Basilica	A large building used for meetings and discussing legal matters in ancient Rome.
Century	A division of the Roman army made up of 80 soldiers and led by a centurion.
Consul	The highest position in the Roman government.
Emperor	The leader of an empire.
Gladiator	A person who fought for the entertainment of Roman audiences.
Latin	The common language of the Roman Empire.
Legion	The main unit of the Roman army.
Mosaic	Picture or patterns made of small tiles used to decorate walls or floors in Roman buildings.
Rebellion	When people refuse to follow someone who is in charge. They may try and overthrow the ruler.
Senate	A group of prestigious men who advised the consul.
Villa	A large country house around a rectangular courtyard, owned by the rich.

## Key Knowledge and facts

The Celts can be referred to as the pre-Roman people of Britain. Celts lived in Britain from roughly 600BC to 43AD but were known as Britons.

The ancient Romans became one of the most influential civilisations in history, conquering areas in Europe, Africa and Asia.

Julius Caesar first invaded Britain in 55 and 56 BC. There were battles between the Roman army and the Celts, but the Romans didn't have a large enough army and they retreated. Emperor Claudius invaded in 43 AD the Romans finally conquered Britain.

The Romans built new towns. They had a grid structure and featured a forum, basilica, and public baths.

The Romans developed many things that had been used before and made them better, such as sewers, aqueducts, and roads

The Romans built about 55,000 miles of roads across the empire. They built very straight roads, many of which are still used today

The Romans left Britain because the empire was being attacked in other countries, so soldiers were called to fight elsewhere

### Influential People

**Julius Caesar**, failed to invade Britain twice in **55BC**

**CLAUDIUS**, Emperor, who successfully invaded Britain in **43AD**

**Boudicca**, an Iceni leader who led a **Celt rebellion** against the Roman invaders.

### A map showing the reach of the Roman Empire



### Timeline

