

## Knowledge Organiser

Year Group	Subject	Topic
3	History	Roman Empire

### The Big Picture

The Romans lived in Rome, a city in the centre of the country of Italy. Rome started to grow from a small town into a larger and larger city around the year 753 B.C. They were one of the most powerful, clever and successful ancient civilizations ever.

They ruled over nearly all of Europe and most of north Africa, including Egypt. It is thought that one of the reasons the Romans invaded Britain was to conquer land, gain more slaves and collect the many precious resources in Britain including metals such as lead, tin, gold and silver.

The Romans had a huge, organised army that included very skilled soldiers. This helped them in winning battles with others.

### Enquiry Question

Why was Rome so powerful?

Why did the Romans want to invade Britain?

Why did the Roman Empire fail?

Where did the Romans come from?

What was their daily life like and how does that compare to now?

### Key Vocabulary

<b>Invasion</b>	One country attacking another to take control of it.
<b>Conquered</b>	To overcome and take control of a place (or people) by military force.
<b>Legion</b>	One unit of the Roman army: had 4,000 to 6,000 soldiers in. It was led by a centurion.
<b>Emperor</b>	The leader of an empire. Similar to a king or queen.
<b>Amphitheatre</b>	Where the Romans would go to be entertained.
<b>Senate</b>	The Roman government.
<b>Celts</b>	People living in Britain and some parts of Europe after the Iron Age.
<b>BC (Before Christ)</b>	Used to show the years before Jesus was born.
<b>AD (Anno Domini)</b>	Used to show the years after Jesus was born.
<b>Iceni</b>	A tribe of Celts who lived in the east of Britain.
<b>Roman Empire</b>	The name used for the land that was controlled by the Romans, including parts of Europe, Middle East and North Africa.
<b>Settlement</b>	A place where people decide to live.



Key People	
<b>Boudicca</b>	Saxon queen who fought back against the Romans
<b>Julius Caesar</b>	Famous Roman leader who attempted to invade Britain
<b>Emperor Claudius</b>	First Roman emperor to successfully invade Britain
<b>Paulinus</b>	Roman governor (ruler) of Britain in AD 60
<b>Romulus and Remus</b>	Mythical twin brothers, and founders of Roma

Key Places	
<b>Rome, Italy</b>	Where the Roman Empire started
<b>Hadrian's wall</b>	A wall built on the Scottish border
<b>Londinium</b>	London



Important Dates	
753 BC	Rome is founded by Romulus
55 BC	Julius Caesar attempts first invasion of Britain
27 BC	Augustus becomes the first Roman Emperor
AD 43	Roman invasion of Britain
AD 60	Tribes led by Boudicca attack Roman force
AD 122	The Romans wanted a way to separate their land from the Picts, so the Roman emperor, Hadrian, ordered a wall to be built.
AD 410	Romans leave Britain and return to Italy



