

Year 3

Spring



History - Roman Britain

In this unit, children learn about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain at the time and the legacy it left us. Children will find out how Britain became part of the Roman empire and learn about, Emperor Claudius and Queen Boudicca.

Key Knowledge

- The tribe of people called the Celts lived in England before the Romans invaded.
- The Romans came from Italy and invaded Britain in 43AD and the emperor in charge was called Claudius.
- Boudicca was a Celtic queen who led an army to fight the Romans.
- The Romans used numerals instead of numbers, e.g. 1 = I, 5 = V, 10 = X.
- The Roman army had lots of recognisable equipment like their shields, helmets, chariots.
- When in battle, the army used a tortoise formation where they huddled together and protected themselves with their shields.
- The Romans introduced many new ideas to the UK that we still use today, such as - toilets, heating, calendars and roads.

Key Vocabulary

Archaeology - The study of history by looking for things people in the past have left behind.

Auxiliary soldier - A 'helper' recruited from a non-Roman tribe.

Barbarian - A person from a different land believed to be inferior.

Celts - The people of the Iron Age who occupied Britain.

Conquest - A military invasion.

Empire - A group of territories under one rule.

Emperor - A man who rules an Empire.

Evidence - A sign to show something existed or is true.

Invasion - To enter as an enemy, by force, to take control.

Legion - A division of 3,000 - 6,000 men and cavalry in a Roman army.

Legionary - A soldier in a Roman legion.

Rebellion - A fight against the ruler.

Revolt - To rise up and fight against a government.

Taxes - The way government collects money to pay for things.

Key Questions

How did the Roman way of life contrast with the Celtic lifestyle they found when they arrived and how do we know?

How much of our lives today can possibly be influenced by the Romans who lived here 2,000 years ago?



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