



YEAR 4 – Ancient Rome Knowledge Organiser



Ancient Rome 700 BC – 476 AD

1000 BC

700 BC

AD/BC

476 AD

Discovery Day

You will get to experience life from this time period.
How would you feel if this was your life?

Who are the Romans?

The Romans came from Rome, in Italy. They ruled countries across the globe – including Great Britain – which was called the Roman Empire. This had a huge effect on the language, culture and history of countries in Europe, the Middle East and even Northern America.

The Roman Empire

The Roman Empire was one of the greatest empires in history, spanning across Europe and North Africa. The Roman Empire began in the city of Rome, Italy, and grew into a vast empire as the Romans conquered areas of Africa, Europe and Asia. The Roman Empire was founded in 27 BC, with Caesar Augustus establishing himself as Rome's first emperor in 31 BC.

Roman Life

All Romans:

- Enjoyed spectacles
- Used baths regularly
- Paid taxes
- Could read and write (if educated)
- Voted (if male and an adult)
- Had slaves (if wealthy)

The Celts and the Romans

The Roman Emperor (Julius Caesar) first invaded Britain in 55BC but soon left. Nearly 100 years later, in 43AD, Emperor Claudius invaded Britain again. The Celts lived in Britain at the time and the Celts fought back, led by Queen Boudicca. The Romans won and stayed in Britain for 400 years!

Romans in Britain

Britain changed during the Ancient Rome time period. The Romans developed the drainage, sewers, the alphabet and roads. They also invented underfloor heating, straight roads, concrete, aqueducts and the calendar that our modern calendar is based on. We still use the Roman number system in clocks.

Key Vocabulary

Empire
Invasion
Mosaic
Slave
Citizen
Julius Caesar
Augustus
Britain