

Altofts Junior School—History- Year 4—Summer Term—Romans

How was Britain influenced by the Roman empire?

In this topic pupils learn about the rise of the Roman Empire and its lasting impact on life today.



Key knowledge

- Know when and how the Roman Empire grew and that this overlapped with Prehistoric Britain, Ancient Egypt, Maya and Ancient Greece
- Know that battle tactics made the Romans good soldiers
- Know that Julius Caesar was a Roman emperor and he had failed invasions of Britain
- Know that Claudius was a Roman emperor and how successfully invaded Britain
- Compare different accounts of the Roman invasion of Britain and explain why they may differ
- Investigate different accounts of the Roman invasion of Britain and explain why they may differ
- Know the importance of Boudicca as a leader of the British Iceni tribe who fought against the Romans
- Know how life changed in Britain under Roman rule with new roads, language (Latin) and religion (Christianity)
- Explain how people and events in the Roman period have influenced life today
- Explain the advancements made by the Romans
- Know that Romans initially worshipped many Gods (including Pluto (afterlife) and Mars (war) but converted to Christianity

Significant People

Julius Caesar - Roman Emperor
Claudius - Roman Emperor
Boudicca - leader of British Iceni tribe



Disciplinary Vocabulary

Civilisation - society, culture and a way of life
Era - a distinct period of history
Legacy - a long-lasting impact
Empire - a large group of states or countries ruled by a single monarch
Monarch - sovereign head of state like a king or queen
Conquer - to take control by military force
Invasion - to enter a country or region using force

Substantive Vocabulary

Latin - language spoken by the Romans
Christianity - religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ
Centurion - commander of Roman army
Colosseum - large theatre
Mosaic - pattern arranged using small pieces of tile
Chariot - vehicle with two wheels drawn by horses
Gladiator - a man trained to fight with weapons in an arena

