

Knowledge Organiser—Year 4

“How did the Romans shape Britain today?”

Vocabulary

Roman Empire—A huge empire controlled by Rome, lasting between 509 BCE and 476 CE. .

Empire—A group of countries ruled by one ruler.

Mediterranean—The countries that surround the Mediterranean sea. These were once dominated by Rome.

Latin—The language of Rome, spoken across the Roman Empire.

Tribe—A group of people with the same customs, language, religion, etc., living in a particular area and often led by a chief.

Aqueduct—A stone trough to carry water across the country into Roman towns.

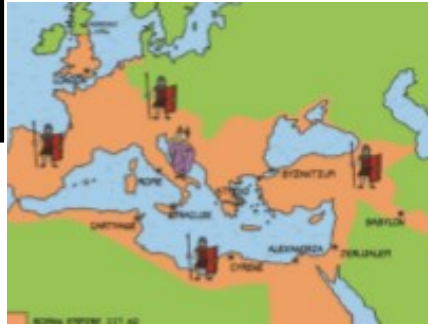
Gladiator—A man trained to fight with weapons in an arena.

Legion—A large group of soldiers that forms part of an army.

Armour—Items worn to protect the body in battle.

Rebellion—An attempt by some of the people in a country to change their government, using violence.

Slave—A person who belongs to someone else and is forced to obey. Slaves have no freedom.



The Roman Empire



Queen Boudicca



The Colosseum



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Key facts

The Roman empire started in Rome, Italy.

The Roman Empire spread across modern day Italy to countries in Europe, Africa and Asia.

Rome became so powerful because of the strength of its army.

Julius Caesar first invaded Britain in 55BC. He took 10,000 men with him. It took more than one attempt to successfully invade Britain.

The Celts did not want to live under Roman rule and fought hard to defend their land and properties. The Romans wanted Britain's precious metals.

Emperor Hadrian built a wall on the Scottish border. It was designed to stop tribes in Scotland attacking England.

People mainly lived in small villages of wooden houses with thatched roofs. Family life was an important part of Roman life. Laws were written to protect family structure.

Romans gave us new towns, plants, animals, a new religion and ways of reading and counting. Even the word 'Britain' came from the Romans.

Boudicca was a member of the Iceni tribe who lived in Norfolk. The Iceni were initially on good terms with the Romans who had invaded Britain in 43 AD.

Boudicca lived in Britain around the time of the Roman invasion. She attempted to defy the Romans who seized her property.