

Year 3 Spring Unit: The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain

Enquiry Question: How did the Romans transform Britain?

Historical Concept: consequences, similarities and differences

Retrieval Vocabulary
 agriculture, BCE, CE, emperor, empire, government, invasion, hunter-gatherer, past, prehistory, settlements

Key Unit Vocabulary

Amphitheatre - an open circular building with a space in the middle
Dictator - a ruler with total power over a country

Gladiator - a man trained to fight against other men in an arena

Facilities - a place design with a specific purpose

Forum - an open courtyard used for meetings

Rebellion - an act of armed resistance to an established government or leader

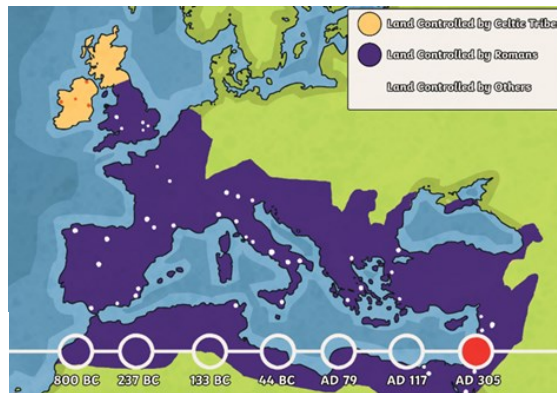
Taxes - a compulsory payment to a country's money to be spent to improve that country



The Boudica statue

Key Unit Facts

- Rome was founded in Italy by Romulus in 753 BC following a fight with his twin brother Remus.
- The Roman Empire spread across Europe, parts of Asia and North Africa from 27 BC.
- The Roman army was successful because it was well equipped, organised and inspired great loyalty.
 - The Romans kept invading Britain because of fertile land, valuable natural resources and to increase their power.
 - In 60 BC, Queen Boudica rebelled against Roman rule. You can find a famous statue of her on Westminster Bridge.
 - Watling Street is a famous Roman road and was pivotal in the final decisive battle of Boudica's rebellion. (This road can be found just over three miles away from Bird in Bush Primary School).
 - The Romans built Hadrian's Wall, in North England, to keep out the Scottish Tribes.



A map showing the spread of the Roman Empire

Unit Timeline

The Stone Age begins
 2.6 million years ago
(prior knowledge)

Romulus founds Rome
 753 BC

Aulus Plautius successfully
 invades Britain for Emperor
 Claudius 43 AD

Roman Rule in Britain ends
 410 AD

The Iron Age begins
 800 BC
(prior knowledge)

Julius Caesar attempts to
 invade Britain
 55BC

Queen Boudica leads a
 rebellion
 60 AD

The Roman Empire ends
 476 AD

