



Topic: Roman Legacy

Year: 4

Term: 2

Background Information

- Emperor Julius Caesar invaded Britain in 55BC.
- Emperor Claudius invaded in 43AD
- The **Romans** remained in **Britain** from 43 AD to 410 AD. That is almost four hundred years (four centuries)
- The Romans built new and improved roads to transport troops and supplies.
- As well as their strong fighting spirit, The Romans had impressive construction skills.

Diagrams / Timelines / Photos

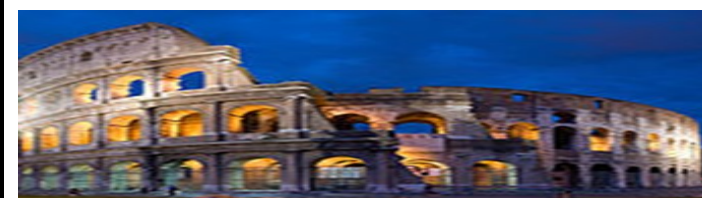


Interesting Facts

- The Romans built straight roads to save money, time and human effort. Some modern roads follow the original routes.
- Emperor Hadrian built the wall to keep the Picts out of England.
- 29% of all English language come from Latin.
- The Romans copied some design ideas from the Greeks such as columns.
- The Romans used arches and vaulted ceilings to make their buildings look grand and important. Modern architects still use these features today.
- The Romans brought many types of fruit and vegetables with them. They also bought many herbs and spices with them to Britain.
- The Romans were great technical inventors. They designed bridges, aqueducts, underground heating and drains.
- The Romans brought Christianity to Britain.
- The Calendar we use today with 365 days is based on the one developed by Julius Caesar.
- The names of many places in Britain derive their names from Roman names such as London.
- All British coins have a Latin inscription on them.

Key Vocabulary

Tribune	Representative of the people on the council.
Plebeian Council	Peoples' assembly to have their say.
senator	Like a modern day Minister of parliament.
camber	Sloped sides
Democracy	The right for everyone to have a vote.
Vaulted ceiling	A domed ceiling such as the one on St. Paul's Cathedral.
aqueduct	A bridge that carries water to places.
Mosaic	A pattern made with ceramic tiles.
Londinium	The city of London founded by the Romans.



Know how to / Activity

- Create a model of a Roman aqueduct.
- Find 5 words which come from Latin.
- Find out how long The Romans were in charge of Britain.
- Find a recipe that uses Rosemary, which was a Roman herb.
- Make a Roman mosaic using tiles made out of coloured paper
- Make a theatrical mask.