

# Long Sutton County Primary School - Knowledge Organiser (Humanities)

Topic: 'How was Britain influenced by the Roman Empire?'



## What should I already know?

Year: 4

Term: Autumn Term 1

I already know:

- ⇒ That to find out more about events that have happened in the past, we need to look at a range of sources e.g. books, the internet and artefacts.
- $\Rightarrow$  How to order and sequence events using a timeline.
- ⇒ That in the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age, weapons were made in order to defend territories and protect what they owned.

# Interesting Facts

- ⇒ To keep clean, the Romans would go to communal baths - that means big baths where everyone would get in together!
- ⇒ They may have lived ages and ages ago but they invented loads of things we still use today. They invented: concrete, newspapers, books, calendars and central heating!
- The Roman's most popular form of entertainment were Gladiator fights. That's where they put people in a ring and they fight to the death! This would happen in huge stadiums (similar to football stadiums now) and was the most famous sport of the day.
- ⇒ The Romans built loads and loads of roads in the UK, 55,000 miles actually. We still use some Roman roads today!

### Diagrams/Timelines/Pictures



Map of the Roman Empire in 43AD



The Colosseum in Rome today

Key Vocabulary	
Roman Empire	The name used for the land that was controlled by the Romans, including large parts of Europe plus parts of North Africa and West Asia.
legacy	Something that happened in the past or comes from something in the past.
Emperor	The ruler of an empire.
invasion	Entering another country to take over and control their lands and people.
legion	A large section of the Roman army, made up of around 5000 soldiers.
weapon	Used in fighting and examples include: swords, spears and daggers.
armour	Special metal clothing that soldiers wore in the past to protect their bodies while fighting.
Gladiator	Professional fighters that lived in Ancient Rome.
amphitheatre	An oval or circular building with rising tiers of seats arranged about an open space and used in ancient Rome especially for contests and spectacles.

#### Recommended Books and Websites

How to be a Roman in 21 Easy Stages

(Juliet Kerrigan)

 $Roman\ Soldier's\ Handbook\ (Lesley\ Sims)$ 

https://www.beano.com/posts/fun-roman-facts

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwmpfg8/articles/zqbnfg8

## What else could I do to help me learn?

- ⇒ Research Roman shields and create your own using a range of art materials. What design will you have on your shield?
- ⇒ Explore your local area can you find any influence of the Romans anywhere?
- ⇒ Research Julius Caesar and create a fact file all about him and his life.