

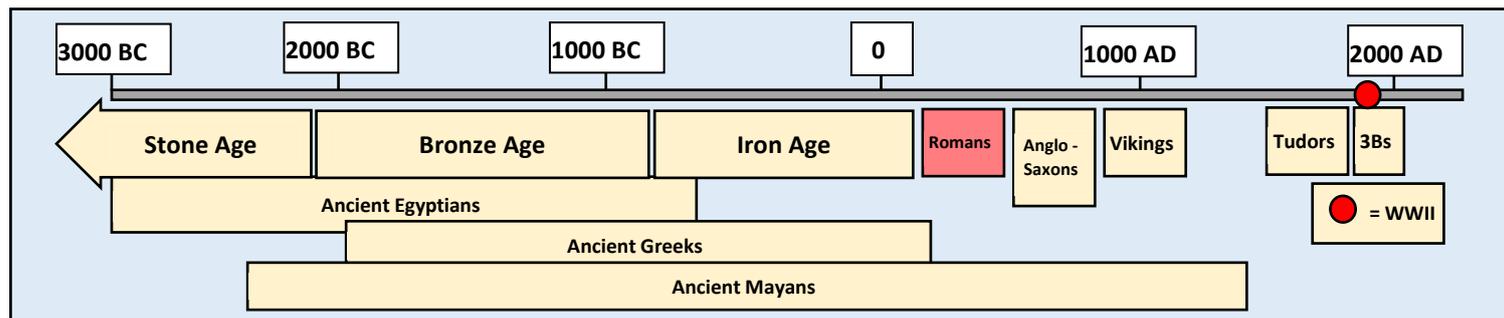
Birch Copse Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

History Topic:

The Romans

Year 4

Autumn



Ancient Rome's impact on Britain

Timeline

55 BC	Julius Caesar attempts to invade Britain but fails. He tries again a year later and whilst he gets further into Britain he leaves without conquering Britain again.
43 AD	Claudius leads a second invasion of Britain, which this time is successful and the Romans conquer Britain.



49 AD	The Romans found a town at Colchester for retired soldiers. This was the first Roman town in Britannia and, for a time, the capital of the province
61 AD	Boudica leads a rebellion of the Iceni against the Romans. After burning down Colchester, London and St Albans, Boudica was eventually defeated at the Battle of Watling Street.
100 AD	Most of the 8,000 miles of Roman roads in Britain are completed, allowing troops and goods to travel easily across the country.
122-128 AD	Emperor Hadrian builds a wall on the Scottish Border



367 AD	Barbarians from Scotland, Ireland and Germany launch raids on Roman Britain.
401 AD	A large number of Roman troops are withdrawn from Britain to help defend Rome from attackers. This marks the beginning of the end of Roman Britain.

Key Questions

- What do you think was the biggest change that the Romans made to Britain during their rule?

Key Vocabulary

Britannia	The name of Britain under Roman rule
Celts	The name of the tribes who lived in Britain before the Roman invasion
Citizen	A person who belongs to a country and has rights because of this.
Conquer	When someone takes over land and people
Empire	A large group of countries ruled over by a single country.
Iceni	A tribe of people living in what is now called Suffolk and Norfolk during this time.
Invade	To attack and try to take land from other people.
Province	A part of the Roman Empire, outside Rome. It was governed locally at the direction of the Emperor
Raid	To attack by surprise and take what they find away with them
Rebellion	An act of armed resistance to a government or leader
Roman Dictator	A position given to a person in an emergency to be in charge of the Roman republic, normally the person would resign after 1 year
Roman Emperor	Much like a dictator, however Emperors would rule for life and also choose their successor (the person who would be emperor after they died)
Rome	The capital city of modern day Italy and the centre of the Roman Empire
Slave	A person who has no rights and is forced to perform tasks against their will

Key people

Julius Caesar	A Roman leader who would eventually become dictator , but his invasion of Britain failed.	
Claudius	A Roman emperor from AD 41 to 54. He was the first Roman Emperor to successfully invade Britain.	
Boudica	A queen of the Celtic Iceni tribe who led an uprising against the Roman Empire in AD 61. She died shortly after its failure.	