

HISTORY



YEAR 4

WHY WAS THE ROMAN EMPIRE SO SUCCESSFUL?

The Big Picture

The Roman Empire's influence and presence can still be seen in many cultures today. We will look at how historians know so much about the Romans, how the empire was so successful and understand the key Roman events which happen both BC(BCE) and AD (CE).

We will then look at the Romans in Britain. Who were the Iron Age culture that lived in Britannia at the time of the Roman invasion? How did the peoples of Britannia deal with Roman rule in different ways, from fighting back to co-operation and finally, how did the Romans change Britannia?



End Point Knowledge

The Rise of the Roman Empire

- Rome started as a kingdom. It was a republic from 509 BC – 27 BC. It became an empire in 27 BC.
- Julius Caesar was the last Consul of the Roman Republic.
- Augustus was the 1st Emperor of the Empire.
- The legacy of Rome can still be felt. They were pioneers of art, law, architecture and engineering.

The Romans in Britain

- In 43 AD, Emperor Claudius ordered a successful invasion and conquest of the South of Britain.
- There was British resistance to Roman rule from people like Caratacus and Boudica.
- Many British people became 'Romanised' as they began to adopt the Romans' technology, culture and beliefs, including early Christianity.
- The Romans left Britannia between 401-410 AD.

Key Vocabulary

bath house, Centurion, Christian, citizen, dictatorship, empire, kingdom, pagan, patrician, plebeian, republic, senate, senator, slave, SPQR, Britannia, Hibernia, Caledonia