

Curriculum Overview

The arrival of the Romans to Britain and their occupation for over 350 years marks a turning point in the history of Britain. They introduced organised cities, roads, villas and even public baths connected through impressive systems of well engineered roads. The Romans were able to keep control of Britain through use of their disciplined and well organised army. We will be looking at the impact that this empire had on Britain as well as why the Roman Empire came to an end.

Year 4 Autumn 1: The Roman Empire



Main Enquiry questions

- Why did Roman Emperor Claudius leave warm Italy to invade cold, wet Britain?
- How was the Roman lifestyle very different from the Celts who lived in Britain at the time of the invasion?
- Why did Boudicca start a rebellion and what image do we have of her today?
- How were the Romans able to keep control over such a vast Empire?
- How did this great 400 year Empire come to an end?
- How have the Romans influenced our lives today?

Key Concepts

Empire: A group of countries ruled by a single person, government or country.

Invasion: To try to take over a place by force.

Military: Anything to do with soldiers or armies.

Settlement: A community of people in a fixed place.

English Text

This term in English we will be studying the following text:

The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

Maths Learning

This term in Maths we will be studying:

- Place value to 10,000
- Rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000
- Ordering numbers on a number line
- Adding and subtracting 2 four-digit numbers

Historical Links	Science	Art	PE	Music	RE	Computing	French	PSHE
The Roman Empire	Living things in their habitats	Storytelling through drawing	Tag Rugby	Mama Mia	What kind of world did Jesus want?	Computing Systems and Networks - The Internet	Seasons	Families and relationships

Our curriculum elements for this half term:



Trips, activities and/or visits this term:

TBA: Trip to learn about the Romans

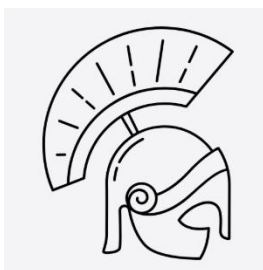
Learning hook		In Adventure Island, the class will construct a Roman aqueduct.
Fieldwork		
Written outcome		Explanation writing—What have the Romans ever done for us?
Creative outcome		Roman comics
Adventure (activities in Adventure Island)		Cooking 'Roman' food—flatbread Roman games. Make apple juice
Play Project		With a KS1 class.
Celebration		Presentation about the Romans.
Retrieval practice		Kahoot quiz about The Romans



Learning & growing together,
taking every opportunity.

RESPECT - ADVENTURE - ACHIEVE

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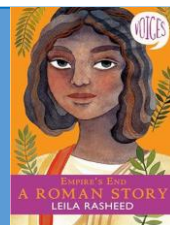
Spellings for Autumn 1 Group 1

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
accident	measure	breath	Lucy's	peace	complete	eight
accidentally	treasure	breathe	Tom's	piece	consider	eighth
actual	pleasure	build	James's	plain	continue	enough
actually	enclosure	busy	girl's	plane	decide	exercise
address	pressure	business	boy's	rain	describe	experience
answer	creature	calendar	woman's	reign	different	experiment
appear	furniture	caught	child's	rein	difficult	extreme
arrive	picture	centre	man's	weather	disappear	famous
believe	nature	century	dog's	whether	early	favourite
bicycle	adventure	certain	cat's	who's	earth	February
		circle		whose		

Suggested texts to read at home with your children

Empire's End - A Roman story

Leila Rasheed



Empire's End: A Roman Story is part of the VOICES series that celebrates the lives of diverse protagonists during key eras of British history. This book tells the tale of a young North African girl, who sets out on a danger-filled journey to Britain during Roman times. This is a gripping adventure that offers a new perspective into Roman life.

The Queen of Darkness

Tony Bradman



With the Celtic tribes of Ancient Britain leaving no records, we only have the Roman accounts of what happened during Boudicca's revolt. Tony Bradman has taken details from Tacitus' description of the Iceni queen and the battles she led in order to create a vivid and gripping story told by Rhianna, who witnesses the events of a turbulent time in British history.

Group 2

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
find	every	cry	lady's	see	city	can't
kind	any	dry	dog's	sea	site	didn't
mind	many	July	man's	blue	fancy	hasn't
behind	busy	fly	boy's	blew	cycle	it's
child	body	try	girl's	bare	supper	couldn't
wild	everybody	reply	cat's	bear	soon	I'll
climb		why		bee	ace	they're
		by		be		
				whole		
				hole		