



The Romans- KS2 - Knowledge organiser

Key dates

55 BC	The First Raid- Julius Caesar wanted to extend his Roman Empire so he attempted to invade Britain, but the Celts fought back and the Romans returned to Gallia (modern-day France).
54 BC	The second raid. Julius Caesar tried to take over Britain again. This time, he took bigger and stronger legions and had some success. Some British tribes were forced to pay tributes (luxury items, such as gold, slaves or soldiers) in order to carry on living how they were.
AD 60	Boudicca's Rebellion-The Romans decided that the Iceni tribe needed to start paying taxes but Queen Boudicca, the ruler of the tribe, refused to let this happen and formed an army to fight the Romans. Thousands of people died in these battles, but the Romans eventually won.
AD 122	Hadrian's Wall-The Caledonian tribes fought battles against the Romans who had tried to take their land. The Romans wanted a way to separate their land from the Picts so the Roman emperor, Hadrian, ordered a wall to be built to protect the Romans' land. The wall was 117km long with castles, guarded turrets, major forts, barracks, bathhouses and even hospitals.

Key Vocabulary

Caledonia	The name used in Roman times for Scotland.
Celts	People living in Britain.
Emperor	The ruler of an empire.
Iceni	A tribe of Celts who lived in the east of Britain.
legion	A large section of the Roman army made up of 5,000 soldiers.
picts	Tribes from Caledonia.

Roman Empire	The name used for the land that was controlled by the Romans, including parts of Europe, Middle East and North Africa.
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Key facts	
What did the Romans build?	The Romans built elaborately designed Roman baths where people would go to relax and socialise. Some of these impressive buildings still remain today.
What were the Romans famous for?	The Romans were famous for building long, straight roads to transport legions, supplies, trading goods and messages from the emperor. You can still see some Roman roads today, 2000 years after they were built.
Did the Romans believe in gods?	Early in Roman times, the Roman people believed in many different gods and goddesses whom they believed controlled different aspects of their lives, such as time, love and the seas.
Who is Julius Caesar?	Occupation: Roman general and dictator Born: July 100 BC in Rome, Italy Died: 15 March 44 BC in Rome, Italy Best known for: Being the dictator of Rome and putting an end to the Roman Republic.



Julius Caesar



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Hadrian's wall

