



Year 4 - Spring 1 - History Knowledge Organiser

What I already know...

- That Europe is a continent and some of the countries in it.
- Human features of a place such as towns and villages.
- Important dates in British history.

Key Vocabulary

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| Invasion | When one country attacks another to take it over. |
| Uprising | The act of rebellion, or fighting back. |
| Emperor | The leader of an empire. |
| Senate | The Roman Government |
| Democracy | A Government that is run by the people. |
| Aqueduct | A channel for carrying water. |
| Mosaic | One picture made up of thousands of small tiles. |
| Architecture | The design and structure of a building |

What I will learn...

- Key dates of the Roman invasions of Britain (failures by Julius Caesar in 55BC and success by Emperor Claudius in 43AD)
- The Celt uprising against the Romans led by Bou-dicca - that she was successful for a time but eventually was defeated by the Romans.
- That the Romans revolutionised travel by building roads and that some of these roads exist today - including Fosse Way and roads through Syston.
- The locations of important towns in Roman Britain including Leicester (Ratae).
- The changes in Roman political organisation from the senate democracy to the emperors - how this was started by Julius Caesar.
- About some important early emperors: Augustus, Caligula, Claudius, Nero
- Roman life & living conditions including central heating and public baths.
- How Roman ideas such as democracy, as well as things such as central heating, roads and architecture are still visible and impact us today.



Making a difference at The Merton and beyond

Children will learn about how Britain changed with the arrival of the Romans and how it had a huge impact on our lives today. They will see how Romans left their mark not only on civilisation across the world, but also right here in Leicester and Syston.

Children's work will be brought together in a museum of Roman and Celt history for other members of school and family to visit and learn.

History Skills

Find out more about how the Romans lived their lives. You could research their clothes, homes, food, education and transport.

You could visit local Leicester sites of Roman architecture to see how the Romans impacted where we live today:

<https://www.visitleicester.info/see-and-do/jewry-wall-museum-p696541>