

Aspire Curriculum Knowledge Organiser: Historical Detectives 2

Big Question: To what extent has the legacy of the Roman Empire impacted our lives today?

Year 5

Spring 2







What? Key Knowledge Takeaways

- * Roman Britain was a province of the Roman Empire from 43 to 409 AD.
- *The Romans originated from Italy and were annoyed with Britain for helping the Gauls (the French) fight against the Roman general Julius Caesar.
- *They came to Britain looking for riches: land, slaves, and mostly, iron, lead, zinc, copper, silver and gold.
- *They stayed in Britain from AD 43 to AD 410; almost four hundred years!

Legacy

*The Romans left their legacy all over the country. They gave Britain new towns, roads, plants, animals, a new religion and ways of reading and counting (currency too). New ways of life including visiting the Roman baths, where people could wash, swim and meet friends.

Key Vocabulary	Definition			
Empire	A political system in which a group of people are ruled by a single individual, an emperor or empress.			
Hypocaust	Roman central heating. It works by hot air flowing through gaps between walls and flooring.			
Legion	A military unit recruited from Roman citizens and usually around 5000 men in strength.			
Invasion	An unwelcome intrusion into another domain.			

Who? Famous People

Key Leaders

Julius Caesar: A general who became ruler of the Roman Empire.

Augustus Caesar: First emperor of the Roman Empire.

Claudius Caesar: Ordered the invasion of Britain.

Hadrian Caesar: Ordered the building of a wall to protect Britain from the Celts in Scotland

Septimus Severus: First black emperor of Rome, who came to Britain in AD 208. He restored parts of Hadrian's Wall and tried to conquer Scotland.

Boudicca

A warrior Iceni queen who led her tribe in a revolt against Roman rule In AD 60–61. Her forces massacred 70,000 Romans and their supporters but were ultimately defeated.

When? Timeline

Before the Romans	55BC & 54BC	31 BC	AD 43	AD 50	AD 61	AD 122-128	AD 43 - 410	AD 401 - 410	Next 600 years to 1066
Celts lived in tribes and were ruled by a chieftain.	Failed attempts to invade Britain by Julius Caeser	Augustus Caeser proclaims himself Emperor of the Roman Empire.	The Romans invade Britain under orders from Emperor Claudius.	London is founded known as Londinium.	Boudicca leads the Iceni in revolt against the Romans.	Emperor Hadrian builds a wall on the Scottish border.	Romans rule Britainfor almost 400 years.	. The Romans leave Britain to help defend other parts of the Roman	. Britain is invaded and then ruled by the Anglo Saxons (Netherlands, Germany
								Empire.	& Denmark).