

Year 4: History Spring Term

The Roman Empire

Key Concepts: Romans invade Britain, Boudicca, Structural impact on Britain

Bronze Age

Romans invade Britain
43 AD

The Great Fire of London
1666

Rosa Parks and Emily
Davison 1900s

Stone Age

Iron Age

BCE/CE

Romans leave Britain
410 AD

Florence Nightingale
and Mary Seacole
1800s

Key Historical Sources

Hadrian's Wall



Hardknott Roman Fort



Key Vocabulary

Invasion/invasion

Empire/ Emperor

Army

Conquer/conquest

Resistance

Iceni

Villa

Archaeological sites

People and Places



Boudicca, an Iceni leader who led a **Celt rebellion** against the Roman invaders.



Claudius, Emperor who successfully invaded Britain in **43AD**



Long, straight **roads** were built across the empire. They helped move armies quickly and let **trade** travel across long distances.



The Romans built new towns. They had a grid structure and featured a **forum, basilica and public baths**.



Hadrian's wall was built, **122AD**, as the northern **border** of the empire. It was 120 km **coast to coast** and kept Scotland (Caledonia) out.



In 43 AD, Emperor Claudius invaded Britain for a third time with four legions of men and another 20,000 auxiliaries. With such a big army, the Romans finally managed to gain control and conquer Britain.



In 60 AD, The Iceni tribe of Norfolk are rebelling under the leadership of Queen Boudicca. Her army rebel against the Romans. Eventually the rebellion is squashed in the Battle of Watling Street in The Midlands. Boudicca is believed to have poisoned herself to evade capture.



In 122 AD, under the rule of Emperor Hadrian, work on Hadrian's Wall begins. In addition to being a military device it also served as a way to control trade across the border.



The Roman army become divided. So, in 216 AD, to better control Britain, the Romans divided the country in two. The South became known as Britannia Superior and the North as Britannia Inferior.



In 410 AD, the last of the Romans leave Britain as Roman troops are sent back to the continent to defend other areas of the Empire. Roman rule ends in Britain.

Read more:

So You Think You've Got It Bad: A Kid's Life in Ancient Rome



Research more:

Visit the National Trust site- The Weir Garden, Herefordshire