

Summer 1 - History
Knowledge Organiser.
Year 3/4 - Sapphire Class.

WHO WERE THE ROMANS?

In this history topic, we will travel back in time to explore the powerful civilisation of Ancient Rome and discover how the Romans changed Britain forever.

We'll learn about the Roman Empire, how the Romans became such successful soldiers and why they invaded Britain in AD 43.

We will explore what life was like in Roman Britain, including the towns, roads and buildings the Romans constructed. By using timelines, artefacts and historical sources, we will discover what life was like in Roman Britain and how it changed the country we live in today.



Key Vocabulary

Empire - A large group of countries or lands ruled by one powerful nation or leader.

Invasion - When an army enters another country by force to take control.

Legion - A large group of Roman soldiers (about 5,000 men).

Centurion - An officer in the Roman army who was in charge of about 80 soldiers.

Settlement - A place where people live, such as a village or town.

Fort - A strong building where Roman soldiers lived and defended an area.

Rebellion - When people fight against the rulers or government.

Did you know?

The Romans did not use toilet paper! Instead, they used a sponge on a stick called a *tersorium*. After using it, the sponge was washed in water and vinegar so it could be used again.

