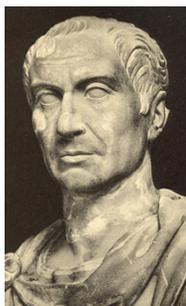


Year 4 History Knowledge Organiser - Roman Britain

The Romans invade Britannia

1. Julius Caesar - 2 unsuccessful attempts to **invade** Britannia.
2. People of Britannia did not think themselves as English or British: different Celtic tribes with different languages.
3. Romans sent 4 legions (nearly 40,000 soldiers) to Britannia in 43 AD.
4. The battle for Britannia lasted for years.
5. Claudius was the first emperor to visit Britannia.

Julius Caesar



Claudius



Aquae Sulis

1. Built roads and buildings all over Britannia.
2. Temples were also built. One in a city called Bath - Romans called this town Aquae Sulis.
3. Aquae means water in the latin language.
4. Sulis was a goddess worshipped before the Romans arrived.
5. No bathrooms in houses - they built large baths in towns.
6. Slaves kept **furnaces** lit in the **hypocaust** so every room stayed warm.
7. There was a changing area, a swimming pool and a **palestra** (an exercise yard).
8. Romans were one of the first civilisations to carefully design a town.

Boudicca's revolt

1. Capital city in the town of Colchester - Camulodonum.
2. Boudicca was the queen of the Iceni tribe - led **revolt** against the Romans.
3. Army of 30,000 Iceni warriors went into battle against the Romans.
4. Marched to Colchester and destroyed the Roman legion.
5. Boudicca's army demolished City of Colchester and every person was killed.
6. Boudicca and the Iceni tribe moved onto Londinium (London) and did the same again.
7. Roman legion in Wales went to Londinium - used road they had built called Watling Street.
8. Romans outnumbered - more legions were added, making 10,000 men in total.
9. Romans **showed no mercy**: they formed a wedge shape, charged and threw javelins.
10. Every man the Romans could find was killed. Boudicca poisoned herself.

Hadrian's wall



Built to guard the northern frontier of the Roman Empire in AD 122.

Timeline

55 BC	First time Caesar invited Britannia - did not conquer.
44 BC	Julius Caesar died.
43 AD	Claudius sent nearly 40,000 soldiers to Britannia.
50 AD	The Romans went to Bath.
117 AD	Hadrian became emperor.
122 AD	The Romans started to build Hadrian's wall.
138 AD	Emperor Hadrian died.

Important People

1. Julius Caesar: transformed Rome from a republic to an empire.
2. Augustus: first Roman emperor (ruled 27 BC to 14 AD)
3. Claudius: fourth Roman emperor (ruled 41 AD to 54 AD)
4. Caratacus: the chieftain of the Catuvellauni tribe.
5. Boudicca: queen of the Iceni tribe.
6. Hadrian: a Roman emperor.

Vocabulary

1. Invasion	Attacking with force - often take control.
2. Chieftain	The leader of a group.
3. Warrior	A brave and experienced soldier.
4. Ambush	Making a surprise attack.
5. Fort	Wooden or stone towers.
6. Breast-plates	Metal plate worn as armour, covering the chest area.
7. Taxes	A compulsory contribution to a leading party.
8. Revolt	To take violent action against a government or ruler.
9. 'showing no mercy'	To treat someone harshly without any sympathy.
10. 'razed the ground'	To destroy everything to the ground.
11. Furnaces	A structure that produces heat.
12. Strigil	A curved, metal piece of equipment used to scrape off dirt, sweat and oil.
13. Hypocaust	A Roman heating system under the floor or between the walls.
14. Palestra	An exercise yard.