



The Rotten Romans

Were the Romans really rotten?



1. Who were the Romans? How do we find out? When did they come to Britain?

The Romans were a group of people with a **huge army** who came to rule large parts of **Europe, East Asia and North Africa** through **conquests** made during the Roman Empire which lasted from **700BC to AD410**.



Primary Sources: Something that comes from a time being studied.

e.g – letters, photographs, diaries.

Secondary Sources: Are written after the event.

e.g – websites, textbooks

2. What was Roman life like in Britain? Were all Romans treated equally and with dignity?

Men were in charge of families. Mothers were thought to be less important.

Men worked in trade and some joined the Army whereas women ran the home.

Boys from rich families learnt Latin.

Children could marry at the age of 14 and they were arranged between families.

Many women died young (in their 30s), because childbirth could be dangerous and diseases were common.

3. What impact did the Romans have on everyday life?

When the Romans came to Britain they brought their way of life with them.

They gave us: new towns, plants, animals, a new religion and new ways of reading and counting.

4. What technological advances did the Romans give to Britain?

The Romans built **10,000 miles of road** across Britain and built **new towns**.

The Romans didn't invent the **arch**, but were the first people to use them in big buildings and **aqueducts**.

Applying Past Knowledge

This learning links with the previous learning you did in Year 1. The Romans came before the Victorians.

Key Vocabulary

Past – things that have already occurred

Present – things that occurring now

Decade – a period of 10 years

Century – a period of 100 years

AD and BC – Anno Domini (when Jesus died) and BC (before Christ).

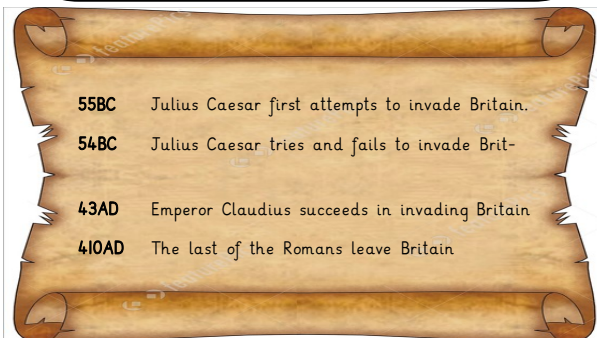
Empire – a term used to describe a group of territories ruled by one single ruler or state.

Enemy – a person who hates another

Alliance – an agreement between two or more parties.

Democracy – having the right to vote.

Amphitheatre – an area.



55BC Julius Caesar first attempts to invade Britain.

54BC Julius Caesar tries and fails to invade Brit-

43AD Emperor Claudius succeeds in invading Britain

410AD The last of the Romans leave Britain

