


# Year 3 and 4: What the Romans did for us.

In this topic, your child will learn about what the Romans did for us and how they managed to build a huge empire.

## Core Knowledge

The Romans lived in Rome, a city in the centre of the country of Italy . Italy is in Europe and is easy to distinguish on a world map as it looks like the shape of a boot! According to the Roman legend, **Romulus** was the founder of Rome. Romulus and his twin brother Remus were the sons of the God Mars. When they were very young they were abandoned by the banks of the River Tiber and left to fend for themselves. Luckily for them they were found by a she-wolf who took pity on them and fed them with her milk. The boys were later found by a shepherd who raised them. The boys grew up to be very strong and clever and they decided to build a town on the spot where the Shepherd had found them. They named their town Rome. Romans believed in many Gods and Goddesses e.g. Jupiter (the chief Roman God), Venus (Goddess of Love), Mars (God of War).


Roman culture was different depending on your social class. Some Romans were slaves, they had little to no money and were traded between rich families; some were gladiators and used to fight for entertainment within the Roman Colosseum. Working class citizens had a range of jobs, whilst the rich lived lavish lifestyles, throwing banquets to showcase their wealth. One way to improve your class was to fight within the Roman Army.

The Romans invaded Britain in 43 AD, they came to Britain for two suggested reasons. They were cross with  Britain for helping the  Gaul's (now called the French) fight against the

## Key Vocabulary

amphitheatre	A place where Romans went to watch animals and people fighting
Britannia	The name of Britain whilst it was under Roman rule
Celts	A person who lived in Britain before it was invaded by the Romans
Colosseum	A famous Roman amphitheatre used to hold events such as gladiator fights and performances.
empire	A group of states or countries ruled over by a single monarch, or a sovereign state.
gladiator	A slave trained to fight other gladiators or animals in amphitheatres
Jupiter	The chief Roman God
legion	A military unit recruited from Roman citizens and usually around 5000 men in strength.
myth	A made-up story often about gods and spirits which is told to explain things about the world.

Roman general Julius Caesar. The second suggested reason is that they came to Britain looking for riches - land, slaves, and most of all metals. During the Romans rule over Britain, the Romans brought us: straight roads, central heating, concrete and aqueducts (pipes for water).

The Romans had some well-known disagreements during their time in Britain, they had a battle with Queen Boudicca over paying taxes, and built the famous Hadrian's wall (117km long), this was to separate the Romans land from the Celts. The Romans remained in  Britain for around 400 years from 43 AD to 410 AD. They left Britain to go and defend their homeland, Italy, from barbarians. The Western Roman Empire collapsed in 476AD.

social class

A division of a society based on wealth and reputation within society.

### Context Quiz

Question	Answer
What city did the Romans come from?	Rome
When did the Romans first invade Britain?	43 AD
How long did the Romans stay in Britain for?	400 Years
What is the name of the Roman legend about how Rome was founded?	The Legend of Romulus and Remus
Who was the Goddess of Love?	Venus
What did the Romans bring to Britain?	Roads, central heating, concrete and aqueducts
How long in km is Hadrian's Wall?	117km
What was the colosseum used for?	Entertainment
What country is Rome the capital city of now?	Italy
Why did the Romans leave Britain?	To defend their homeland

Useful websites to support your child with this topic



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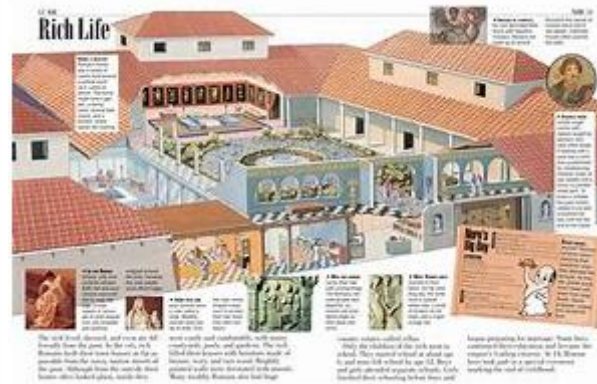
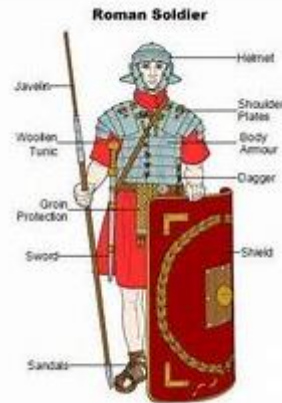
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