

Term 3 - Term 4: The Ruthless Romans

Where did the Romans come from?

The Romans lived in Rome, a city in the centre of the country of Italy. Rome started to grow from a small town into a larger and larger city around the year 753 B.C. They were one of the most powerful, clever and successful ancient civilizations ever.

They ruled over nearly all of Europe and most of north Africa, including Egypt. It is thought that one of the reasons the Romans invaded Britain was to conquer land, gain more slaves and collect the many precious resources in Britain including metals such as lead, tin,

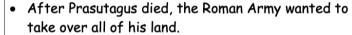
gold and silver.



Guest spot: Boudicca
Born: 30 AD

Died: 61 AD

- Boudicca was a member of the Iceni tribe who lived in Norfolk. The Iceni were initially on good terms with the Romans who had invaded Britain in 43 AD.
- Boudicca was married to King Prasutagus and they had two daughters.



- Boudica and her army first attacked Roman Colchester (Camulodunum) and then went on to attack London (Londonium).
- Boudicca's army was eventually defeated and Boudicca is thought to have poisoned herself to avoid capture.

Vocabulary

Invasion- One country attacking another to take it over.

Legion- One unit of the Roman army; had 4,000 to 6,000 soldiers in. Lead by a centurion.

Emperor- The leader of an empire. Similar to a king or queen.

Amphitheatre- Where the Romans would go to be entertained.

Mosaic- One picture made up of thousands of small tiles (tessellates).

Senate - The Roman government.

Celts- People living in Britain and some parts of Europe after the Iron Age.

BC (Before Christ) - Used to show the years before Jesus was born.

AD (Anno Domini) - Used to show the years after Jesus was born.

Rebel (noun) - A person who fights against an authority.

Battle Tactics

The Strength of the Army

The Roman army was the largest and meanest fighting force in the ancient world. One of the main reasons Rome became so powerful was because of the strength of its army. It conquered a vast empire that stretched from Britain all the way to the Middle East. The army was very advanced for its time. The soldiers were the best trained, they had the best weapons and the best armour.

Working as a Team

The Roman Army worked as a team - they did not see themselves as individuals as they wanted to succeed as a team. The Roman Army was very organised and they followed all of the instructions their leader gave to them.

Formations

The Romans used various formations to protect themselves. Formations include the wedge and the tortoise.

Key Dates Rome is founded by 753 BC Romulus. 55 BC Julius Caesar attempts first invasion of Britain. 27 BC Augustus becomes the first Roman Emperor. 43 AD Roman invasion of Britain. Tribes lead by Boudicca 60AD attack Roman force. 410AD Romans leave Britain and return to Italy.