

Y4 - ROARING ROMANS - KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

WHO WERE THE ROMANS?

The Romans came to Britain from Rome in Italy around 2000 years ago. Prior to the Roman invasion, Britain was ruled by Celtic tribes. The Romans sought after the precious metals found in Britain, but they weren't destructive. They brought culture, new languages and ideas such as forts and roads. Britain has a lot to thank the Romans for!



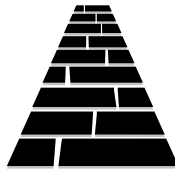
BOUDICCA

Boudicca was queen of the Iceni people who led an uprising against the Romans after they tried to take over her land. Her people were loyal to her and with Boudicca leading them, they marched into Colchester and laid waste to the city. Afterwards, other tribes seeking freedom joined the revolt.



WHAT THE ROMANS DID FOR BRITAIN

The Romans built many towns across Britain. Many towns and cities ending in -chester, -cester or -caster were Roman built. Towns were built as trading posts for the Romans in Britain. The Romans provided many things for Britain, including:



Roads



Bath houses



Local census



Central heating



Calendar



Coins

LIFE FOR CHILDREN

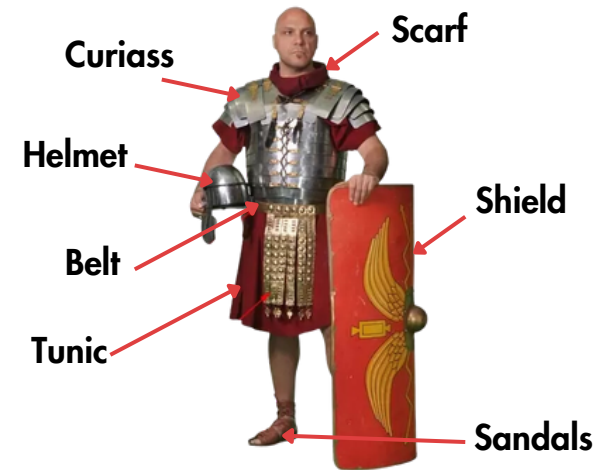
Children in Roman Britain could learn a range of different skills, including:

- Public speaking (in schools)
- Family trades (for the boys)
- How to run a household (for the girls)
- Reading and writing in Latin
- Reading and writing in Roman Numerals
- How to wield a sword (for the boys)

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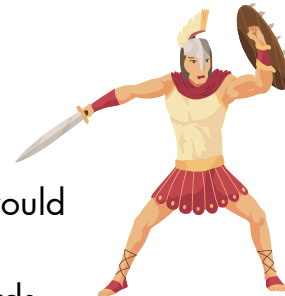
WHY WAS THE ROMAN ARMY EFFECTIVE?

There had been many attempts to invade Britain. It took two emperors and over 100 years before they were successful! Roman armies were made up of thousands of soldiers and they had strong armour, which is why they could fight armies a lot larger than theirs and still win.



ENTERTAINMENT

Many people enjoyed entertainment such as the gladiator fighting in the Colosseum. Gladiators would fight to the death for the entertainment of the crowds.



Alternatively, drama and theatre performances were very popular during the Roman era. Entertainment was also way to honour the Roman gods.

