

Roman Britain—Year 3 Knowledge Organiser

Key Vocabulary	
Empire	Large collection of countries ruled by a particular leader or country.
Claudius	Emperor that led the 43AD invasion.
Legionaries	Elite Roman soldiers that were over 17 years old and had to be a Roman citizen.
Auxiliaries	Type of Roman soldier that was <u>not</u> a Roman citizen. They would guard forts and fight in battles, often on the front line.
Isca Dumnoniorum	The name of Exeter when it began as a Roman town.

Local History study

- The Romans arrived in the South-West around 50AD and they built a wooden fort on a hill near the river Exe.
- Rich people lived in stone houses with mosaic floors and had a form of central heating. Poor people lived in simple wooden huts.
- The Romans built a sturdy stone wall as a defence system around Exeter. 70% of it still remains today.
- The walled city of Isca had four main gates to control who came into the city in times of conflict, and to eradicate (get rid of) diseases.

55BC—

Romans tried to invade

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43AD—

Romans successfully invaded Britain.

410AD—

Roman Empire ended

- When they landed on the beaches in Kent in 43AD, large tribes of people called Celts ruled Britain.
- Rome was the centre of the Roman Empire.
- At the peak of it's power, the Romans ruled over 45 million people!
- It took 30 years of fighting for the Romans to control most of southern Britain. The Roman Army was the largest and meanest fighting army in the world.
- The Romans invaded Britain because Britain had many things that the Romans wanted; corn, wool, leather, silver, gold, tin, lead and slaves.
- Religion was an important part of daily Roman life. They worshipped Gods in temples where they made sacrifices of animals and precious things.
- The Roman rule of Britain ended because the Roman armies left to defend other areas of the empire in Europe. The Anglo-Saxons were the next people to rule Britain



Things Romans brought to Britain or invented that we still use today:

Apples, pears and grapes	Clean water	Coins	Glass	Libraries
Roman Baths	Cats	The calendar	Roads	Concrete