

# St Martin's School – Knowledge Organiser

History Focus

The Romans

Year 4

Autumn 1

## What? (Key vocab)

Vocabulary	Definition
Roman Empire	The name used for the land that was controlled by the Romans, including parts of Europe, Middle East and North Africa.
Legion	A large section of the Roman army, made up of 5000 soldiers.
Celts	People living in Britain.
Emperor	The ruler of an empire.
Mosaic	One picture made up from a thousand small tiles.
Iceni	A tribe of Celts who lived in the east of Britain.
Boudica	Queen of the Iceni tribe.
Rebel	Someone who fights against authority.

## Background Information

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.



## Design and Technology Project

We are creating a Roman shield for DT. We would really appreciate any donated resources for this.

Some ideas for the resources to bring:

- Cardboard /shoebox/tissue box
- Colourful pens / paints
- Colourful tissue paper
- Colourful napkins
  - Sequins
  - Glitter
- Pipe cleaners
- Ear buds
- Straws
- Thread / rope
- Bottle tops

Anything which you are happy to bring in, is truly appreciated.

## What I need to know at the end of this unit

Why did the Romans invade Britain?

How did the Roman army help the Roman Empire to Expand?

Why was the Roman army so successful?

Invading Britannia, how did Britain become part of the Roman Empire?

Who was Boudica?

How did she rebel against the Romans?

How did the Romans influence the culture of people already here?

