



Owl History Knowledge Organiser Term 3

Roman Britain: What happened when the Romans came to Britain?



Key Objectives

- To understand the reasons why the Romans wanted to invade and settle in Britain.
- To understand why the Romans were able to defeat the Celts.
- To be able to reach a valid conclusion about the life of a Roman soldier on Hadrian's Wall.
- To be able to reach a valid conclusion on whether Roman roads were a positive development.
- To use evidence to decide which of the Roman developments has the greatest significance today.

Key Vocabulary

Conquer	To defeat and take over through force.
Emperor	The ruler of an empire.
Empire	A group of countries ruled over by another country.
Invade	To enter and take over a country through force.
AD and BC	BC - Before Christ, the time before the birth of Jesus. AD - Anno Domini, the time after the birth of Jesus.
Legion	The main unit of the Roman Army.
Impact	To make a positive or negative change on something.

Sticky Knowledge

1. In Ancient times the city of Rome was at the centre of a huge Empire. Rome ruled more than 45 million people across Europe, North Africa and Asia. Its army was the most powerful in the world
2. Julius Caesar had two unsuccessful attempts to invade and conquer Britain in 54 and 55BC.
3. Emperor Claudius, the leader of the Roman Empire, planned a successful invasion in 43AD.
4. Claudius wanted resources from Britain. He thought a successful invasion would make him popular.
5. We know about Roman Britain by visiting archaeological sites and looking at remains.
6. In many parts of Britain, there are Roman sites, including roads, villas and forts.
7. Hadrian's Wall is the most famous Roman site.
8. We can also read written accounts about Roman Britain, for example the Vindolanda Tablets.
9. In Roman times, most people lived in the country. Their lives didn't change very much.
10. Roman people brought many positive things to Britain. Their impact can still be seen today.
11. The Roman period did not end abruptly in 410AD. Some Roman people continued to live in Britain.

