

Year Four History Knowledge Organiser—What happened when the Romans came to Britain?

Key vocabulary

Roman	A person from ancient Rome, in what is now Italy.
Invader	A person or group of people that enters a place forcefully as an enemy
Conquer	To overcome and take control of a place by force with an army
Empire	A group of countries or states ruled over by one ruler
Centurian	A soldier in the Roman army responsible for 100 men
Legionaries	Soldiers in the Roman Army
Auxiliaries	A soldier from one country who fights for another country
Fort	A military building designed to be defended from attack, consisting of an area surrounded by a strong wall, in which soldiers are based.
sources	Something that contains important historical information. Primary sources are things from the time period and secondary sources were produced later. Sources might be paintings, sculptures, buildings diary entries or other writing.

The Romans first invaded Britain in 43AD. They took control of most of Southern England and Wales as the map shows, but had much less control in the North and Scotland. Hadrian's wall was built to stop the people who lived in the North from invading. The Romans continued to rule Britain for about 400 years. It was part of their empire. Not all of the people who lived in Britain liked being ruled by the Romans, and sometimes they would try to fight them. However, Romans brought lots of good things to Britain, many of which we still have today.

Find out more about life in Roman Britain on www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics.

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Horrid Histories 'Rotten Romans' film and book will give you lots more information about the Romans.

What other things can you find out about what the Romans brought to Britain?

