Who invaded Britain?

The Romans lived in Rome, a city in the centre of the country of Italy. They put together an army to take over new land and they were very successful.

Why was the Roman army so powerful?

The brilliance of the Roman army was the key to Rome's success in building its empire. As well as having effective clothing and weapons, they also had extensive training and techniques.

How has Roman rule impacted upon Britain today?

When the Romans arrived in Britain in AD43, they introduced new ideas and ways of living which we still use today.

They built elaborate Roman baths where people would go to relax and socialise. Some of these impressive buildings still remain today.

They built public toilets although these were not private as they had no doors or compartments.

Many foods we eat today were brought to Britain by the Romans, including apples, walnuts, cucumbers, chicken and pears.

The Romans were famous for building long, straight roads to transport their army, supplies, trading goods and messages from the emperor. You can still see some Roman roads today 2000 years after they were built.

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Ruthless Romans

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In 202 BC, Rome begins to conquer territories outside of Italy.



The empire reached all the way around the Mediterranean Sea. They even took England and Wales. The size of the empire changed a lot, when countries fought for their land back or when other empires took over but this map is when they were at their most powerful (around AD117).

Key Vocabulary

BC/AD/BCE/CE

Before Christ/Anno Domini (Latin for 'in the year of the Lord')/Before Common Era/Common Era.

Roman Empire

The name used for the land that was controlled by the Romans, including parts of Europe, Middle East and North Africa.

Mosaic

Roman mosaics are beautiful stones that are arranged to create a stunning floor. Roman mosaics were found in the homes of people who lived during the Roman times.

Boudicca

Boudicca was the ruler of the Iceni tribe. She rebelled against the Roman rule and formed an army in AD60. Thousands of people died in these battles but the Romans eventually won.

Julius Caesar

Julius Caesar was a famous Roman leader. He won many battles for Rome and helped the Roman Empire grow. He invaded Britain in 55BC and 54BC with limited success. Emperor Claudius successfully invaded Britain in AD43.