

Prior knowledge

- Children have learnt about empires, including those in Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece, and their impact on the wider region/world.
- Children have learnt about the impact of decisions made by significant historical figures during different ancient periods.

Key Knowledge

- The first Romans lived in Italy nearly 3000 years ago. They founded the city of Rome in 753 BC and, over the centuries, conquered many lands to create a huge **empire**.
- The Roman General Julius Caesar made two attempts to conquer Britain. He wanted to add the rich land to the **Roman Empire** and punish the **Celts** for helping his enemies. His **legions** weren't able to overcome the **Celts** in 55 BC or 54 BC, but some leaders did pay tributes (a tax) so the Romans would leave. This meant the **Celts** could continue to live as they were.
- In AD 43, Emperor Claudius launched a third attack on Britain. He sent a powerful and well-organised army of around 40,000 men (that landed in southern England) to conquer the **Celtic** tribes. This time, much of Britain (or Britannia as the Romans called it) did become another province of Rome.

Key Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition/Sentence
Celts	People living in Britain in <b>tribes</b> , including the Iceni, Brigantes and Catuvellauni.
citizen	A person with all the rights and protections of a nation or land. In the <b>Roman Empire</b> , only <b>citizens</b> were able to vote.
conquest	Taking control of a place by force, often with an army.
emperor	The ruler of an <b>empire</b> .
empire	A group of countries controlled by one ruler ( <b>emperor</b> or <b>empress</b> ) or government.
legion	A large section of the Roman army, made up of around 5000 soldiers.
rebellion	An uprising or revolt by people who want to challenge what they believe is unfair treatment by rulers.
Roman Empire	The name used for the land that was controlled by the Romans, including large parts of Europe plus parts of North Africa and West Asia.
tribe	A group of people who share the same culture and values.

Images and Diagrams

The Battersea Shield



The Waterloo Helmet



Celtic Coins

