

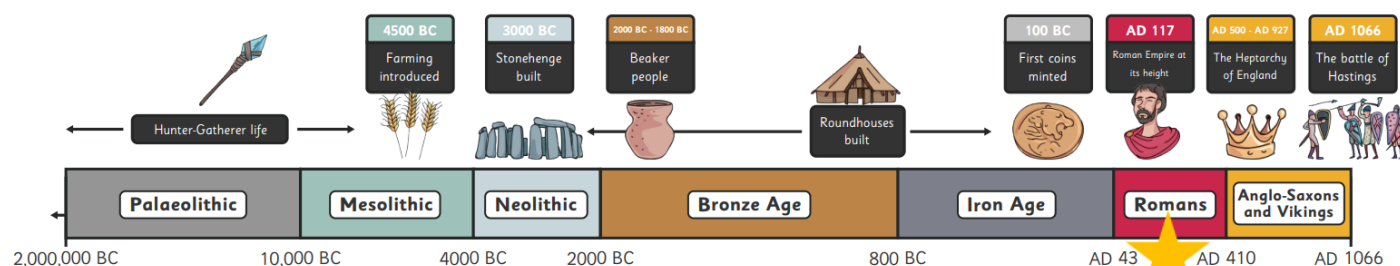
Emperors and Empires

Growth of an Empire

The Roman army conquered countries all around the Mediterranean Sea and so the Roman Empire grew to include many neighbouring lands. It was at its largest between AD 117 and AD 200.

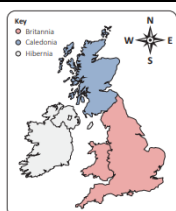


Roman Empire, AD 117–200



Power

- When it was founded in 753 BC, Rome was not an empire yet, but just a city. Over the next several hundred years, Rome became a republic and increased in power, beginning to conquer other places, like Greece and Spain.
- Roman Emperors had absolute power.
- The Roman Empire was able to expand so greatly was the power of its army.
- The Roman army was more powerful, organised and advanced than most others at the time.



Britannia

The Roman army spent many years, conquering Britain. After 30 years, England and Wales became part of the Roman Empire, called Britannia.



Invasion

Julius Caesar invaded Britain in 55 and 54 BC, but both invasions were unsuccessful. The Roman emperor, Claudius, successfully conquered Britain in AD 43.



Boudicca

Boudicca was the queen of the Celtic Iceni tribe who revolted against Roman rule in AD 60–61.



Inventions

The Romans brought roads, aqueducts, hypocausts, public baths, toilets, money and the Latin language to Britain.



Towns

The Romans built towns in Britain that were similar to towns across the Roman Empire. Britons living in towns adopted a Roman lifestyle.



Culture

After the Roman invasion, aspects of British Iron Age culture remained, especially in the countryside areas, but the way people lived was also influenced by the culture of the Romans.

Vocabulary

absolute power	Complete authority to make decisions.
aqueduct	A channel for carrying water, normally in the form of a bridge across a valley or other gap.
emperor	The ruler of an empire.
empire	A group of countries ruled by a single person, government or country.
Roman citizen	A person who had privileges and protection from the Roman state.
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.
Romanise	To become Roman.