



**Prior Knowledge**

To know the difference between things that happened in the past and the present.

To put events in order of when they happened.

To understand and use a timeline.

Name and locate the four countries (England, Wales, Scotland Northern Ireland) and capital cities (London, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Belfast) of the UK.

**Who are the Romans?**



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

They are famous for building long, straight roads to help with transport. You can still see Roman roads today.

**Key Events**

**55 BC - The first raid**

Julius Caesar wanted to extend his Roman Empire so he attempted to invade Britain but the Celts fought back and the Romans returned to Gallia (modern-day France).

**54 BC - The second raid**

Julius Caesar tried to take over Britain again. This time, he took bigger and stronger legions and had some success. Some British tribes were forced to pay tributes (luxury items).

**43 AD - Invasion**

The new emperor, Claudius, was determined to make more of Britain part of his Roman Empire and started a successful invasion. Many Celts realised how powerful this Roman army was and agreed to obey Roman laws and pay taxes.

**60 AD - Boudicca's Rebellion**

The Romans decided that the Iceni tribe needed to start paying taxes but Queen Boudicca, the ruler of the tribe, refused to let this happen and formed an army to fight the Romans. Thousands of people died in these battles but the Romans eventually won.

**122 AD - Hadrian's Wall**

The Caledonian tribes fought battles against the Romans who had tried to take their land. The Romans wanted a way to separate their land from the Picts so the Roman emperor, Hadrian, ordered a wall to be built to protect the Romans' land. The wall was 117km long with castles, guarded turrets, major forts, barracks, bathhouses and even hospitals.

**Key Vocabulary**

**Caledonia** - The name used in Roman times for Scotland.

**Celts** - People living in Britain.

**Emperor** - The ruler of an empire.

**Iceni** - A tribe of Celts who lived in the east of Britain.

**Legion** - A large section of the Roman army, made up of 5000 soldiers.

**Picts** - Tribes from Caledonia.

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

**Key Historical Figures**

- **Julius Caesar** - He was a general in the Roman army who eventually became ruler of the Roman Empire.

- **Emperor Claudius** - Claudius Caesar Augustus Germanicus was the fourth Emperor of the Roman Empire. He ruled from AD 41 until AD 54.

- **Queen Boudicca** - Boudicca was the wife of Prasutagus, the ruler of a Celtic tribe called the Iceni.

