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| The Top 5 Worst Roman Emperors | **The Romans** | | | **I:\Cross Gates Primary\Cross Gates Primary LOGO.jpg** |
| **Year Group: 4** | **Subject Focus: History** | **Term: Spring 1** |
| **Key facts:**   * There were around five thousand soldiers in a Roman Army legion. * Before the Romans arrived, Britain had no real roads. * The Romans invaded and conquered many countries in Europe before heading to Britain. * Boudicca was a Celtic Queen. * Scotland was known as Caledonia. * The Romans left their mark on Britain leaving us with new towns, plants and ways reading and counting.   **Timeline:**  **55 BC** – The first raid  The Roman General Julius Caesar came across the sea to Britain. He brought with him two Roman legions as he wanted to make Britain a part of the Roman Empire.  **54 BC** – The second raid  A year later, Julius Caesar came back across the sea. This time he brought with him five legions and two thousand cavalrymen (soldiers who fight on horses).  **AD 43** –  About one hundred years later, the Romans returned. Emperor Claudius was now in charge and he was determined to make Britain part of the Roman Empire.  **AD 60** – Rebellion against Romans  Tribes, which were led by Boudicca, attacked the Roman forces.  **AD 410** –  Romans left Britain and returned to Italy. | | Map of the Roman Empire | **Key words:**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | archaeologist | someone who studies the past by exploring old remains | | artefact | an object from the past that shows evidence of what life was like | | emperor | somebody who rules an empire or is the head of state in an empire | | empire | a number of individual nations that are all controlled by the government or ruler of one particular country | | infrastructure | the basic facilities such as transport, communications, power supplies and buildings which enable it to work | | invasion | to try and take over a place by force | | raid | a sudden armed attack against a place | | rebellion | fighting back and opposing the people who have attacked you | | Roman | related to or connected with ancient Rome and its empire | | settler/  settlement | people who migrate to a new place and when people start a community it is called settlement | | |
| **Important people:**  **Emporer Claudius** – the first Roman emperor to successfully invade Britain  **Julius Caesar** –a famous Roman leader who attempted to invade Britain  **Boudicca** – a Saxon queen who fought back against the Romans  **Paulinus** –a Roman governor (ruler) of Britain in AD 60  **Romulus and Remus** –mythical twin brothers and founders of Rome |
| **Exciting books/ weblinks:**  Escape from Pompeii: Amazon.co.uk: Balit, Christina: Books Romans on the Rampage - Jeremy Strong - Google Books Roman Diary: The Journal of Iliona, Young Slave Historical Diaries:  Amazon.co.uk: Platt, Richard: Books  **Parents as partners:**   * Research life as a Roman (what did they wear, what did they eat?). * Help your child make a model Roman villa. * Together, use squared paper to design a Roman inspired mosaic.   Roman Mosaics - History, Materials, Facts and Examples – The Ancient HomeScenes from Tree of Paradise - Jewish Roman Mosaics from Tunisia | Roman  mosaic, Roman mosaic art, Mosaic |
| **Did you know?**   * The Romans are famous for their long, straight roads. * Latin was the language spoken and written by the Romans. * The Roman system for counting was based on seven different symbols: I, V, X, L, C, D, M. | |