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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 raidThe 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 raidA 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 RomansTribes, 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:**

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| 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 |

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| **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 |
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* Help your child make a model Roman villa.
* Together, use squared paper to design a Roman inspired mosaic.

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| **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.
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