

# The Romans

This topic explores how Britain has been changed by people coming to live here.



## The Roman Army

The Romans could conquer places because they had a powerful army.

It was well organised.

They had expert weapons and protection (swords, daggers, armour and shields).

The soldiers were fit and strong.

They had tools and medicine to heal injuries.

## History

- The **Romans invaded** and **conquered** Britain in 43 CE – nearly 2000 years ago.
- They **settled** here for nearly 400 years.
- They brought many things which we still use today. Even the name Britain came from them.



## Some of the ways the Romans changed Britain

**Language** - The Romans spoke and wrote in Latin. Many of our words come from Latin words.

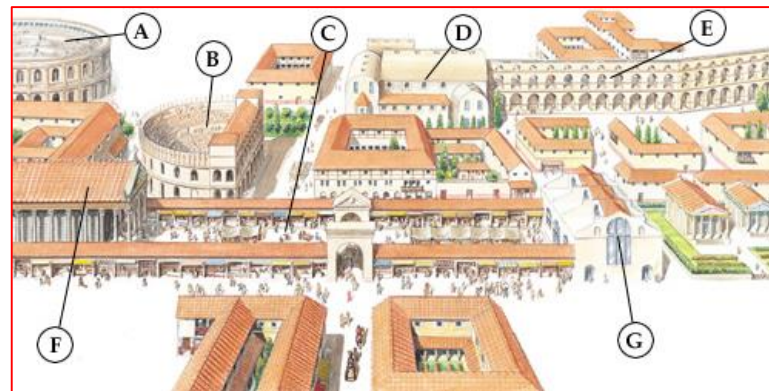
**Calendar** – The calendar we use today was created by the Romans. Our months are named after Roman Gods.

**Roads** – The Romans built the first roads in Britain.

**Towns and cities** – The Romans liked living in towns and cities. They built many of the towns and cities we live in today. **London** was a Roman city too but the Romans called it **Londinium**.

- A – amphitheatre
- B – theatre
- C – forum
- D – baths
- E – aqueduct
- F – basilica
- G - temple

The **Iceni tribe** were **Britons**. They tried to stop the Romans conquering their land. Their queen was called **Boudicca**.



## Word Aware

<b>invade</b>	To go to a country and attack it.	<b>Rome</b>	The capital of the Roman Empire.
<b>The Roman Empire</b>	All the countries the Romans ruled.	<b>Roman</b>	A person who lives in the Roman Empire.
<b>conquer</b>	To take control of a country – usually by fighting.	<b>Latin</b>	The language spoken by the Romans.
<b>settle</b>	Go to a country and decide to live there.	<b>army</b>	A large group of soldiers.