Y3/4 Knowledge Organiser: The Roman Empire and It's Impact on Britain

Key Vocabulary and Definitions	
Primary Source	Documents, images, or artifacts that provide first-hand information about the period being studied.
Secondary Source	Interpretation of primary sources.
Roman Empire	The name used for the land controlled by the Romans
Romans	People from the Roman Empire.
Emperor	The ruler of an Empire.
Conquered	To take land by force.
Centurion	An officer in the Roman army in charge of 100 men.
Celts	People living in Britain.
Iceni	Tribe of Celts.
Boudicca	Leader of the Iceni tribe.

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, such as gold, slaves or soldiers) in order to carry on living how they were.

AD 43: 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. Other tribes of Celts continued to fight against the Romans, who never gained full control of Britain.



AD 60: 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.





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

The Romans were famous for building long, straight roads to transport legions, supplies, trading goods and messages from the emperor. You can still see some Roman roads today, 2000 years after they were built.



Map showing the Roman Empire in AD 305

