



# LKS2 History Knowledge and Skills Organiser

## Power of the Empire

### Key Knowledge and Skills

#### Who were the Romans?

The Romans were a people who first came from the city of Rome in Italy. Italy is in the continent of Europe.

#### Were the Romans powerful?

Romans ruled many countries across the world and they conquered Great Britain. They were called the Roman Empire. Other countries in the Roman Empire were France, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Hungary, Rumania, Turkey, Greece, Albania, Yugoslavia, Israel, Lebanon, Tunisia and parts of Germany, Russia, Morocco, Algeria, Syria and Egypt.

#### How did the Roman Empire impact Great Britain?

They gave us new towns, plants, animals, a new religion and ways of reading and counting. Even the word 'Britain' came from the Romans. Britain had no proper roads before the Romans - there were just muddy tracks.

#### The Roman Army

Roman soldiers were very strong, they had to march over 20 miles a day with heavy things to carry.

They had to carry equipment such as tents, food, cooking pots and weapons as well as wearing all their armour. The Roman army was divided into two groups - legionaries and auxiliaries.



#### The Roman Uniform

Roman soldiers had armour and helmets made of metal. Underneath the armour they wore tunics that were red and made of wool in winter and thinner linen in summer. They had shields that curved around the body and were made of wood or leather. The paint used was red, brown and beige. They wore leather sandals all the time.

### Key Vocabulary

#### Word

#### Definition

timeline

A timeline shows the order that events happened in.

BC

An abbreviation for 'before Christ'. The letters are placed after a date that is earlier than the birth of Christ.

AD

An abbreviation for 'anno domini' which means 'in the year of the Lord'. The letters are placed after a date, after the birth of Christ.

Empire

The society, culture and way of life of a particular area.

invade

To enter as an enemy, by force, in order to conquer or plunder (stealing goods or money).

conquer

To gain something by force, often used to describe an army overpowering another country.

impact

To have a strong effect on something.

army

A large group of soldiers trained for land warfare.

### Roman Timeline

#### Roman Britain Timeline



