



# Year Four: Roman in Rome

## Knowledge Organiser



### The Big Idea



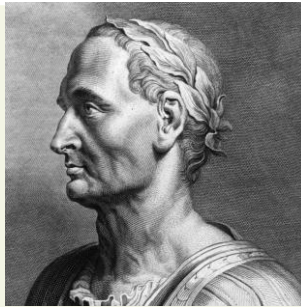
Rome spread knowledge and goods throughout their Empire. Not just Roman culture, but the culture from the middle east to the west and the European culture to the Middle East and every point in between. The Roman Empire was remarkably successful in this pursuit.

#### What was the Roman Empire and how did it begin?

The Roman Empire lasted from 700BC to AD476. It was based upon enslaved people and citizens. The empire was founded by Julius Caesar who was the first emperor.



#### How was Rome ruled? Who was Julius Caesar?



A group of men called senators had shared power of Rome after kings were driven out. Julius Caesar used his military power to become dictator of Rome.

#### Who did the ancient Romans worship?

The ancient Romans believed in many gods, including Jupiter (king of the gods), Pluto (god of the dead and the underworld) and Neptune (god of the sea). Belief in many gods is called polytheism.



#### What did the Romans do for fun?

The Roman arena (colosseum) was a place of entertainment for Romans. The games were often brutal and bloody. The main attraction was the gladiators.



#### What was the Great Fire of Rome?



The Great Fire of Rome began on 18th July 64 AD.

The fire began in a merchants shops around Rome's chariot stadium and was only brought under control after 6 days.

#### Settlements- Pompeii and Herculaneum

Pompeii and Herculaneum were Roman cities built on the sides of Mt Vesuvius in Italy. As well as houses, Pompeii had a Roman forum, temples, an aqueduct and a large amphitheatre. In AD 79, both cities were buried in ash due to the eruption of Mt Vesuvius.



### Vocabulary

centurion emperor gladiator conquer invade Romanisation  
Amphitheatre dictator