

YEAR 4 HISTORY CURRICULUM

National Curriculum Key Themes				Topics of Study-Substantive Concepts			
	nd its impact on Britain. study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the			 Romans in Britain: Invasion and Empire/ Communication and Invention/Settlements Ancient Greece: Invasion and Empire/Settlements and Socie History/Invention 			
Key Historical Knowledge and Understanding				Vocabulary			
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Britain.

own research. Compare

different accounts of an

event and explain why

they may differ.

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historical events and

explain some of the

may be different.

reasons why the accounts

religious beliefs of the

aspect of society e.g. the

Romans and native Britons.

Describe connections and

contrasts between aspects

of history, people, events

and artefacts studied.

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PRIOR LEARNING LINKS

- Y3: Stone Age-Iron Age: Learnt about key features of life in Britain through the Stone Age to Iron Age explored evidence sources from this time.
- Y3 Ancient Egypt-Learnt about ancient Egyptian society and beliefs. Importance of the River Nile to farming in Egypt.



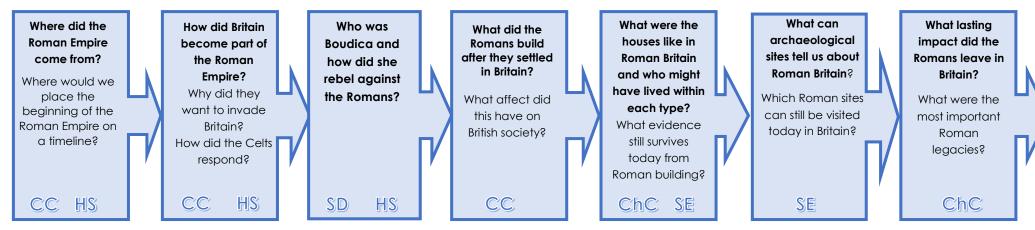
Year 4 History Unit of Learning: The Romans in Britain Substantive Concept: <u>Invasion and Empire/</u> <u>Settlement/Invention</u> What motivated the Romans to invade Britain?

FUTURE LEARNING LINKS

Y5 Anglo-Saxons and Scots: Learn how the Picts, Scots and Saxons raided Roman Britain and how the Anglo-Saxons began to settle alongside Britons in 450AD. Learn about the seven new kingdoms and life in Anglo-Saxon Britain. Y5 Vikings: Learn about the Viking invasion in Britain and how we can learn about the lives of the Vikings using different historical evidence and sources. How Britain changed because of the Vikings.

Y6 World War II: Learn about Hitler's invasion of Poland and the impact that World War II had on society and the life's of everyday people.





How we 'work' and 'think' like an Historian							
Cause and Change and Consequence - CC		Similarity and Difference - SD	Historical Significance - HS	Sources and Evidence - SE	Historical Interpretations - HI		
Why an event occurred, or the consequences of an event.	The extent, nature or pace of change across time.	Analysing similarities and differences within or between groups, places or societies in the same time period.	How historians and others decide whether historical events or people are significant- criteria used.	Use of sources and evidence to investigate and make claims about the past.	How and why historical interpretations are different.		

PRIOR LEARNING LINKS

- Y3 Stone Age-Iron Age: Learnt about the earliest civilisations in Britain including, key features of life in Britain through the Stone Age to Iron Age - explored evidence sources from this time.
- Y3 Ancient Egypt: Learnt about the importance of the River Nile. Learnt about the beliefs of the Egyptians including the afterlife. Learnt about Egyptian society.



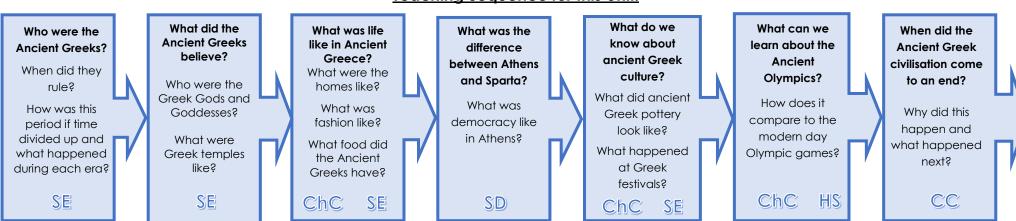
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Unit of Learning: The Ancient Greeks

Substantive Concept: Invasion and Empire/Settlements and Social History/Invention What were the most important achievements of the Ancient Greeks?

FUTURE LEARNING LINKS

• Y6 Ancient civilisations -Mayans: Learn about the lives of Mayans, including how and where they have lived. The importance of faming. How their inventions impacted life today.



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Teaching Sequence for this Unit.

Year 4 Sequence of Knowledge

		Key Knowled	dge and Vocabulary: Anc	ient Greece		
 * The Ancient Greek empire was about 800BC to 146BC; it ended when the Romans defeated the Greeks. * The history of Ancient Greece is divided into 3 different periods: Archaic, Classical and Hellenistic. 	 The Greeks believed that Gods and Goddesses watched over them; they were like humans but lived forever and were much more powerful. Each god and goddess had power over a different aspect of life or the world. Greek gods and goddesses were placed in temples. 	 Most of the Ancient Greeks lived by farming, fishing and trade but life was hard: farmland, water and timber for building were scarce. That's why lots sailed off to find new lands to settle. Wealthy Greeks had jewellery because bracelets, earrings and necklaces were often buried with dead people in their tombs. 	 Greece was not one country but split into states and two were named Sparta and Athens. A system of rules called democracy were introduced in 507 BC. Only men were allowed to vote. Britain is a democratic society as citizens have the right to vote for who runs their country. 	 The Greeks largely invented the theatre. Thousands of people packed the hillside arenas to watch plays. The Greeks celebrated the arts with big festivals. There was also music, dancing and feasting in honour of the Gods. 	 The Ancient Greeks invented the Olympic games; the first Ancient Olympic Games were held in Olympia in 776BC. The ancient games were very different to the modern Olympic games: there were fewer events and only Greek-speaking men could compete. 	 The Ancient Greek empire was about 800BC to 146BC; it ended when the Romans defeated the Greeks. Greece didn't really decline after the Romans had conquered as the Romans adopted and spread Greek culture.
BC, AD, timeline, period, empire, Archaic, Classical, Hellenistic,	Gods, Goddesses, beliefs, protection, harm, temple, powerful, power, immortal, mortal.	Trade, climate, farm, farmland, hardship, migrated, settled.	empire, government, system, democracy, democratic, vote, citizens, rules, modern times.	The Arts, amphitheatre, playwriters, Sophocles, Euripides and Aeschylus, sculpture, architecture	government, invention, religious festival, Olympia, Gods, Zeus, event, significant.	BC, AD, timeline, period, empire, trade, communication, defeated, Romans.
		Key Knowled	lge and Vocabulary: Rom	ans in Britain	1	
 * An empire is all the conquered countries ruled by one leader/state. * The Roman Empire lasted from 700BC to AD476. * At the peak of its power Rome ruled over 45 million people across Europe, North Africa and Asia. * The Iron Age ended with the final Roman invasion of Britain in AD43. 	 Britain had lots of goods which the Romans wanted. The Roman emperor Julius Caesar made two failed attempts to invade Britain. Followed 100 years later by Emperor Claudius who took over the south of England. Scotland was the only area not conquered by the Romans. 	 Queen Boudica was a Celt leader who tried to resist Roman rule. The Romans took away land and farms from her tribe; increased taxes and refused to let her be Queen. Boudica led her army against the Romans but was ultimately defeated. 	 The Romans built new forts, new settlements and an extensive network of roads. They built new towns protected by walls with everything a citizen of Roman Britain could need inside: houses, shops, temples, meeting spaces, workshops and bathhouses. 	 People mainly lived in small villages of wooden houses with thatched roofs. The biggest city in Roman Britain was Londinium (London). Wealthy Romans also built grand country houses called villas. Villas were large farms with a big house for the owners. Most Roman villas found by archaeologists are in the south of England. 	 Hadrian's wall was built as a barrier to separate England from Scotland. It was built by Emperor Hadrian to keep invaders from the North out of Roman Britain. The site has been excavated for over 200 years and historians are still discovering more about History from the area. 	 * Before the Romans there was no written language in Britain. * The Romans decided to believe in only one God and introduced Christianity to Britain too. * Many of our buildings and how they are heated, the way we get rid of sewage and our roads were introduced by the Romans.
BC, AD, invasion, empire, ruled, conquer, occupy, power, army.	Emperor, rule, invasion, Roman Empire, conquer, Britain, Scotland.	Iceni tribe, Celt, Celt leader, taxes, rebel, revolt, army, defeated, flogged	Fort, settlement, temple, roads, citizen, town, bathhouses.	Village, town, city, villa, thatched, mosaic walls, servants.	Protection, barrier, invaders, site, excavation, archaeologists.	Legacy, invention, communication, religion, technology.