



# St John Fisher RC Primary School

## Year Four Knowledge Organiser – Spring Term One – English Reading and Writing



### Quality Text and Author: I Was There Boudica's Army – Hilary McKay

**Plot:** Written by Author Hilary McKay, this book tells the fascinating account of a young girl in the Iceni tribe in AD 60. As Queen Boudica leads her people to march on Roman-occupied Colchester, young Kassy's beloved pony, Honey, is stolen away and taken to war. Will Kassy be able to find her and bring her home safely?

**Final Outcome** – First person narrative retelling with innovation

**Reason** – to produce a diary to read to class

**Audience** – classmates/children

**Features** – character, setting, point of view

**Tone** – to inform

### Story Path: Plot Points

1. Introduction to the main character and setting.

2. Something terrible happens and the character faces a problem.

3. The character sets off on a journey to find her horse.

4. The character sees some terrible sights.

5. The character meets a Roman child.

Themes	Family life	War	Hope	Despair	Friendship
Vocabulary	Iceni Tribe Round house	Village Galloping Enemy	Army Trail Journey	Roman tunics Speared Farmsteads	Clutching Murmurs Respect
Features	paragraphs imagery	paragraphs imagery	paragraphs imagery	paragraphs imagery	paragraphs imagery
Grammar	Fronted adverbials Expanded noun phrases Subordinating conjunctions Co-ordinating conjunctions				