



St John Fisher RC Primary School

Year 4 Knowledge Organiser – Spring Two - History

What we will be learning

I know:

Lesson 1

- There is evidence left behind on Roman sites throughout Britain (Chester).
- Romans built villas and baths. The villas had mosaic floors.

Lesson 2

- Romans built temples to worship their Gods and they built amphitheatres.

Lesson 3

- Romans built sewage systems and built paved, straight roads that stretched across the country to connect Roman towns.

Lesson 4

- Romans taught people how to read and write a language called Latin.
- Romans introduced 'money' to pay for things.

Lesson 5

- Romans brought Christianity to Britain.

Key Facts to Remember

- The Romans built one of the largest empires in history, stretching across Europe, North Africa, and parts of Asia.
- They were known for their impressive architecture, including aqueducts, roads, bridges, and monumental buildings like the Colosseum and the Pantheon.
- The Romans developed a system of government that included a Senate and various political offices, influencing modern democratic systems.
- Latin, the language of the Romans, is the basis for many languages spoken today, including Spanish, French, and Italian.
- They practiced polytheism, worshipping many gods and goddesses, and later embraced Christianity, which became the state religion.
- Romans made significant advancements in engineering, law, and public health, including the creation of aqueducts for clean water and public baths.
- The Roman army was highly organised and disciplined, playing a crucial role in expanding and protecting the empire.

Key Vocabulary and Glossary

Amphitheatres	An open circular or oval building with a central space surrounded by tiers of seats for spectators, for the presentation of dramatic or sporting events
Latin	The language of ancient Rome and its empire
Mosaic	A picture or pattern produced by arranging together small pieces of stone, tile, glass, etc
Temple	A building for religious worship
Sewage systems	A network of pipes that carries dirty water

Key Knowledge:

The Romans made a big impact on Britain. They built impressive villas with beautiful mosaic floors and luxurious baths where people could relax. They also constructed grand temples to honour their gods and amazing amphitheatres for entertainment. The Romans were clever engineers, creating advanced sewage systems to keep cities clean and building straight, paved roads that connected towns. They also taught people to read and write in Latin, which was important for communication. They introduced the idea of using money, making it easier to trade and buy things.

