

Year 3 Summer 1st half What if the Romans had never invaded Britain?

Week	NC objectives	Big question	REMEMBER	KNOW
			(prior knowledge)	(new knowledge)
1	The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain.	Who were the Romans and why did they want to invade Britain?	Ancient Egypt: 3150BC-30BC. Iron Age: 800BC – 43AD. What life was like for Iron Age (Celts). Rome is the capital city of Italy which is in Europe.	Romans originated from Rome. Romans ruled countries around the world ~ Roman Empire. An Emperor was the ruler of the Empire. Wanted to invade: *to increase size of Empire. *wanted natural resources found in Britain. *because they were cross with the British for helping the Gauls fight against the Romans.
2		Why was Julius Caesar's invasion of Britain not a success?	Iron Age: 800BC – 43AD. Reasons the Romans wanted to invade Britain.	Julius Caesar was a Roman General. Julius Caesar led unsuccessful invasion in 55BC. He returned unsuccessfully in 54BC. Storms and high tides battered his ships and hindered any chance of advancing. Britain was very different to the Rome he was used to.
3		Why was Claudius' invasion of Britain a success?	Iron Age: 800BC – 43AD. Reasons the Romans wanted to invade Britain. Julius Caesar's unsuccessful invasions were in 55BC and 54BC. Reasons why Julius Caesar's invasions were unsuccessful.	Claudius was a new Emperor and wanted to prove himself by successfully invading Britain. Emperor Claudius led a successful invasion in 43AD (almost 100 years after Caesar failed). He was successful because he was well-prepared with 40000 men, war elephants and war machines. Organisation of the Roman army (legionnaries, cohorts, centurions, formations).

4	Why did Boudicca lead an uprising against the Romans?		Boudicca was the Celtic Queen of the Iceni tribe. Her husband, King Prasutagus, had agreement with the Romans to continue ruling his tribe. After his death, Boudicca led uprising against Romans in 60/61AD because the Romans went back on the agreement and took the Iceni's land. Boudicca's army destroyed 3 Roman cities before being defeated. Boudicca poisoned herself to avoid capture.
5	What impact did the Romans have in Britain?	What life was like before the Romans invaded ~ Celtic (Iron Age) life.	Roads ~ they built over 10000 miles of roads. They made them as straight as possible. Language and numbers. Calendar.
6		What life was like before the Romans invaded ~ Celtic (Iron Age) life. The impact Romans had on roads, language, number and the calendar.	Roman Law ~ introduced concept of innocent until proven guilty. 'Twelve tables' ~ Rome's written law code. Religion ~ Christianity became the legal religion of the Empire.