**History – The Romans:**

In this topic children will learn about the life of the Romans and how they invaded Britain. They will be exploring ways which Boudicca helped to invade Britain. The children will be making comparisons between the Celts and the Romans. The children will be learning about how the Gladiators fought and the ways that the Romans entertained themselves.

**Useful Links:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwmpfg8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9bcohqsTGk>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Romans.html>

<https://central.espresso.co.uk/espresso/primary_uk/subject/module/frontscreen/item991656/grade2/index.html?source=subject-History-KS2-History-Resource%20types>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/search?term=the+romans>

**Lesson 1: History**

**LO: To locate the Roman period on a timeline. To understand that the Romans invaded Britain and that the period of invasion was followed by a period of settlement.**

**This lesson has two parts, locating the Roman time period on a timeline and then looking at how the Romans first invaded, then settled in Britain.**

**Part 1:** Discuss with the children the meaning of **period of time** in history. Remind and recap with the children **what chronology means** and how we can locate periods of time in history **using a timeline.**

**Here are some questions to answer:**

White Hat: What does chronology mean?

White Hat: When was the Roman era?

Yellow Hat: How can a timeline be useful?

**Task:** Create a timeline of Roman invasions. (There is a template attached at the end of this document)

[<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/romans/invasion/>](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/romans/invasion/)

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/timeline/romans.htm>

**Part 2:** Begin to introduce the idea to the children about reasons why people move from their native land.

**THINK, PAIR SHARE Some questions for you to discuss and answer.   
WHITE HAT**How long have you lived in your current house?  
Have you always lived there or have your family moved house?  
Have you always lived in the same area or have you moved from far away?

**GREEN HAT**

What are some of the reasons a person or family may have for moving from one area to another? You can make your own bubble map of ideas or simply compile a list of possible reasons.

**Key Information:**

The Romans left their Empire in Rome and invaded Britain. At the time, people living in Britain were called Celts and people from Rome were called Romans. (Look for some pictures on the links given above to see images of each).

[<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/romans/invasion/>](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/romans/invasion/)

**Why do you think the Romans decided to invade and settle in Britain? Brainstorm some possible reasons. (Make sure you watch the video clip!)**

**Looking at the list below, discuss and decide whether you think the statements are true or false:**

The Romans liked the British weather

The Romans thought Rome was too hot

Britain had materials that the Romans wanted e.g. wool, lead and silver

The Romans wanted to expand their Empire

The Romans could become more powerful if they controlled Britain

The Romans wanted to make friends with the Celts

**Can you now answer the following questions:**

**WHITE HAT**Who were the Romans?**GREEN HAT**What reasons did they have to come and invade Britain?