

Year 1

History: The Roman Army (half term)

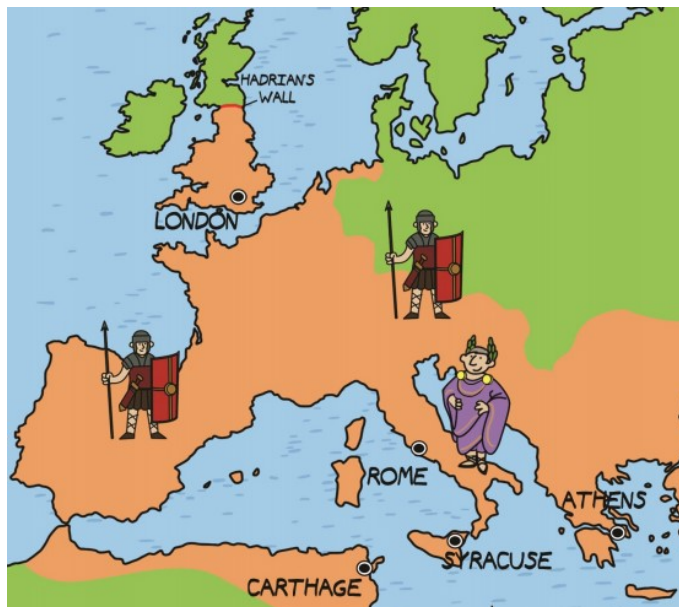
Learning to Recap:

- The Romans came from Italy. Rome is the capital of Italy.
- Ermine Street is a Roman road which goes through Huntingdon.
- Julius Caesar was a famous Roman leader

New Knowledge and Vocabulary

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| The Roman Empire | The Romans used their powerful army to take lots of land across Europe. In 111AD, they were in charge of countries we know as Spain, France, Britain, Greece and many others. |
| Organisation | The Roman army was powerful because it was well organised. It did this by having - Legions - there were about 30 in the Empire Cohorts - each legion had 10 cohorts Centuries - each cohort had about 100 soldiers known as a century. This is where the idea of 100 years as a century comes from. |
| Weapons and armour | The Romans soldiers had good weapons and armour including a - Scutum - a big, strong shield. It was curved to fit around the body and also deflect arrows. Gladius - a short sword. This is where the common word <i>gladiator</i> comes from. Cassis - a metal helmet which protected the head and neck. |
| Tactics | The Romans had excellent battle tactics. This included the Testudo . Soldiers would form into a square to protect themselves from enemy arrows. |

The Roman Empire across Europe



The Romans had a powerful army **because...**

This is what a Roman soldier would have looked like



Roman soldiers used the 'Testudo' in battle



Application of knowledge

Make a graphic organiser showing why the Roman army was powerful.