Roman Britain Knowledge Organiser

What was the Julian calendar?

Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar to the Roman empire. It looks very similar to our calendar today.

Month	Reason for name	
September	Sept- is the Latin for 7^{th} and this was their 7^{th} month.	
October	Octo- is the Latin for 8 th and this was their 8th month.	
November	Novem- is the Latin for 9^{th} and this was their 9th month.	
December	Decem- is the Latin for 10^{th} and this was their 10^{th} month.	
Januarius	Named in honour of the Roman god of endings and beginnings.	
Februarius	Named after the februa, a purification festival in that month.	
Martius	Named in honour of the Roman god of war — Mars.	
Aprilis	Possibly named from the Latin aperire — meaning to open.	
Maius	Named in honour of the nympth Maia — goddess of growth.	
Junius	Named in honour of the Roman queen of the gods — Juno.	
Julius	Named after Julius Caesar who introduced the calendar.	
Augustus	Named after Augustus, one of the first Roman emperors.	

How did the Romans write numbers?

The Romans had their own system of numerals which used combinations of letters from their alphabet. Here are the numerals for numbers 1–10.

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Who did the Romans in Britain trade with?

The Romans traded goods across their entire empire (and beyond too). This meant that regions could produce, import and export a range of items and produce. Britons had always traded with people in neighbouring European countries but now they could trade with people in new and far away lands.



Why did the Romans introduce coins and currency?

The Romans wanted to make trading across the empire as easy and fair as possible. To do this, they introduced a set of coins that every region in the empire would use. The coins had different values and everyone understood how this value system worked. The gold coin you can see here was called an Aureus and was the most valuable.

The coins also acted as an easy and effective way of sending messages across the empire. They would also all have the head of the current emperor on one side. Again, to make sure everyone knew the piece of information.





		Glossary
1	milestone (n)	A stone set up to mark the dista particular place.
2	amphitheatre (n)	A circular or oval building with a tiers of seats for spectators.
3	foundations (n)	Found usually below ground leve support the weight of something
4	bathhouse (n)	A building containing baths for o
5	aqueduct (n)	A man-made channel for transpo
6	sacred (a)	Something greatly respected by group or religion.
7	persecuted (v)	To be treated badly because of rabeliefs.
8	religion (n)	The beliefs of an individual or gr
9	trade (v)	The action of buying and selling
10	import (v)	To bring products or goods into a another country.
11	export (v)	To sell or send goods from a cour country.
12	origin (a)	Where something originally com
13	slave (n)	A person who is the legal proper another person.
14	currency (n)	A system of money used by a wh multiple countries.
15	stylus (n)	An ancient writing tool.
16	Latin (n)	The language of ancient Rome a
17	calendar (n)	A chart showing the days and/or particular year.
18	numerals (n)	A figure or symbol showing a nu
19	archaeological (a)	Ancient sites containing evidenc
20	sources (n)	Documents or objects that can te the past.

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What did the Romans build?

The Romans built a road network across Britain, many of which can still be seen today. Their roads would take the quickest, most direct route possible.





The Romans also built towns; each following a similar plan. The towns would all have key buildings: a basilica (or town hall), a bathhouse, a forum (or market place) and insulae (blocks of houses and workshops).

Roman bathhouses were public places — they did not bathe in private! They used them as a place to socialise and meet up with friends. A bathhouse had many different rooms with pools of water at different temperatures. Each was designed to ensure the Romans left feeling refreshed and clean.



Constantine

The Roman emperor who became a Christian and ended the persecution.