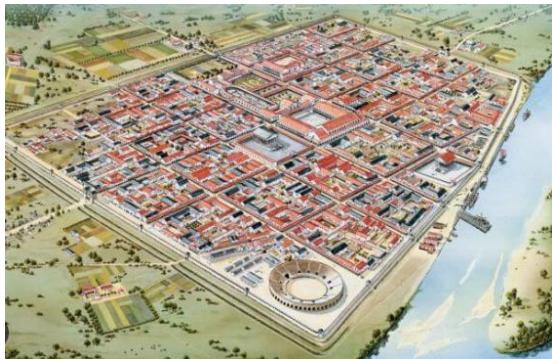


Knowledge Organiser - Roman Empire - Year 4 - Summer 1



The first Romans lived in Italy nearly 3000 years ago. They founded the city of Rome in 753 BC and, over the centuries, conquered many lands to create a huge empire.



Roman Roads and Towns

The Roman army are famous for building long, straight roads. These roads criss-crossed the whole Roman Empire. They boosted trade, communication with the Emperor and helped the legions to keep control of all the different provinces.

Each town had a marketplace, town hall, shops, temples and homes; larger towns had an amphitheatre. Bath houses were elaborately designed and were popular places to relax and meet friends.

Key Vocabulary

Amphitheatre	An open-air venue used for entertainment and performances.
Aqueduct	A passage used for carrying water over a distance.
Auxiliary	Soldiers who were not usually Roman citizens.
Barbarian	The term used by Ancient Greeks to describe non-Greek speaking people.
Bath house	A building containing baths for communal use.
Centurion	The commander of a century in the ancient Roman army.
Chariot	A carriage, mainly used in ancient racing and warfare.
Colosseum	A large theatre/stadium.
Emperor	The ruler of an empire.
Empire	A group of countries controlled by one ruler (emperor or empress) or government.
Gladiator	A man trained to fight with weapons against other men or wild animals in an arena.
Senate	Roman government.
Temple	A building of religious worship.