

## Reading

This week we are going to read a selection of **non-fiction texts** about our new history theme: **The Romans**.

You will find a copy of the text and the questions to answer on the Year 4 Home Learning on the Sandylands School website:

<https://www.sandylands.lancs.sch.uk/year-4/>



### **Day 1 (Monday)**

Read pages 1 and 2 (The British) then answer these questions in your exercise book or on paper:

1. Write down two things you told at the beginning of the text about who the British people were.
2. Answer the following statements as either true or false:  
British people arrived hundreds of years after the Romans.  
The British people were mostly farmers.  
Different tribes spoke different languages to each other.  
Only men could become a ruler of a tribe.
3. According to the text, why is it that we know so little about the lives of the British people?
4. Why was it important for British people to protect themselves by living in hill forts?

### **Day 2 (Tuesday)**

Read pages 3 and 4 (The Roman invasions) then answer these questions in your exercise book or on paper:

1. Find and copy a word that means 'a tax or payment made by one group of people to another.'
2. Read the paragraph called '**The Return of the Romans.**'  
According to the text what may have made the Romans come back to invade Britain?
3. Write down two reasons why the Romans beat the British people they were fighting.
4. How might life have improved for some British people after the Romans invaded?

### Day 3 (Wednesday)

Read pages 5 and 6 (The Roman army) then answer these questions in your exercise book or on paper:

1. Find and copy a phrase that means to 'do something for most of your time.'
2. Answer the following statements as either true or false:  
When not fighting, the soldiers built roads.  
A legion contained 100 men.  
A centurion's helmet was made of plastic.  
The tortoise (*testudo*) was a formation to protect soldiers from being attacked.
3. Why do you think it was a good idea for a Roman soldier to wear armour?
4. In what ways might becoming a Roman soldier be an attractive job?

### Day 4 (Thursday)

Read pages 7 and 8 (Differing ways of life) then answer these questions in your exercise book or on paper:

1. Find and copy a word that means 'a time when someone might not understand something.'
2. What was the job of a druid?
3. Who was Jupiter and what was he responsible for?
4. Explain two of the differences between a Celt's and a Roman's view of life.

### Day 5 (Friday)

Read pages 9 and 10 (Roman roads) then answer these questions in your exercise book or on paper:

1. Find and copy a word that means 'to join together as a group.'
2. Write down two uses of Roman roads.
3. Answer the following statements as either true or false:  
Fosse Way was one of the first Roman roads built.  
Watling Street was the name of an important Roman town.  
The Romans reached Scotland in AD 48.

Why did the Romans have to build forts along roads like Dere Street?