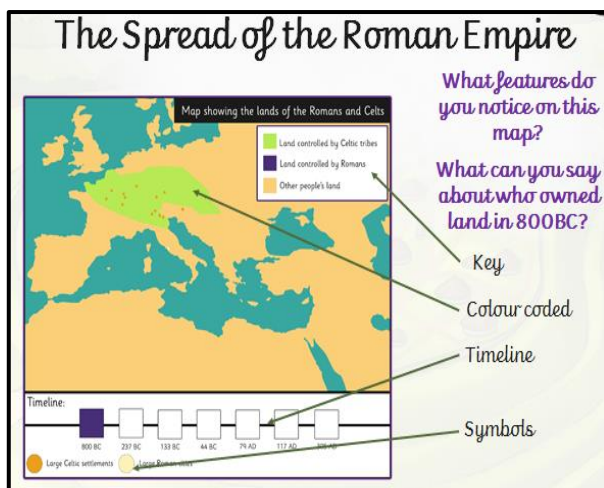


Why did the Romans invade Britain?

55BC The Romans ruled the country known as France.
 55BC Julius Caesar crossed the sea to Britain to carry out the first raid.
 54BC Caesar came back with five legions and fought in south east England.
 43AD Emperor Claudius returned, determined to make Britain part of the Roman Empire.
 60AD Boudicca's revolt.
 128 AD Hadrian's Wall was completed.
 200 AD The Scots invaded from Ireland.
 407 AD British chiefs asked the Anglo-Saxon soldier to come from Germany to fight the Scots.
 410 AD The last of the Romans left Britain.
 600 AD Britain was divided into seven Anglo-Saxon kingdoms.
 1066 AD Norman Conquest.

BC – Before Jesus was born

AD – After Jesus was born



The Anglo-Saxons

AD 410	The Romans Leave Britain.
AD 400 - AD 600	The Dark Ages – little is known about these times
AD 550	Britain is broken up into small kingdoms (see below)
AD 660	Anglo-Saxons control most of Britain. Anglo-Saxons came from northern Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark.
AD757 – AD 796	Offa is the king of Mercia. Mercia is the most powerful kingdom at the time.

Seven Kingdoms

Britain was split into 7 kingdoms in AD 660:
 Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia, Essex, Wessex, Sussex and Kent.



Vocabulary Dozen

Amphitheatre	A place to watch people and animals fight.
Aqueduct	An artificial channel/bridge for carrying water- usually across a gap
Barbarian	A person who lives outside of Rome.
Census	A count of people.
Chariot	A cart with two wheels pulled by horses.
Forum	Open space in the middle of town for a market and meeting people.
Gladiator	A slave trained to fight animals or other slaves.
Hypocaust	A space under floors and between walls where hot air travels around a house.
Latin	Language spoken and written by Roman people.
Legion	Military unit recruited from Roman citizens.
Mosaic	Pattern made from pieces of stone and pottery.
Strigil	Metal object used in baths to scrape off sweat and dirt and oil.

Ideas to think about...

Did you know that there were around 5000 soldiers in a legion?

Can you explain what you know about life in Anglo-Saxon Britain after the Romans left and before the Vikings arrived?

Why do you think so little is known about the Dark Ages?

Why do you think Mercia became the most powerful kingdom?

