

Rome is the capital city of Italy, which is a country in Europe.

Beginning with the city of Rome, the Romans built a civilisation that controlled most of present-day Western Europe, as well as large parts of present-day Asia and Africa.

A civilisation is a group of people living together in a well-organised way. People in civilisations build cities, have writing systems, have leaders and laws, practise religions, grow their own food by farming, and have different people doing different jobs.

Roman **engineering**—their ability to invent and build things—made the Romans memorable.

## YEAR 4

### The Founding of Rome



The Romans believed in and worshipped many of the same types of gods and goddesses that the Greeks believed in, although the Romans had different names for most of them because they had a different language.

The city of Rome was controlled by a long line of Etruscan kings who had ruled for several generations.

Many of the ancient Romans' accomplishments have remained with us.

*BC* stands for "Before Christ" and *BCE* stands for "Before the Common or Christian Era."

The Romans built paved roads for their armies and to make traveling and trading easier.

Romans were also known for the **frescoes** they created, colourful pictures made by painting wet plaster on a wall or ceiling.

The English writing system are based on the Latin writing system

The Roman calendar had only ten months, and it only counted 304 days.

### Core Vocabulary

**Empire**, *n.* A group of countries or regions ruled by one ruler or one government; a large area usually controlled by one emperor.

**Architectural**, *adj.* Related to the art of designing buildings and other structures; describes the style in which buildings and other structures are designed.

**Amphitheatre**, *n.* An open-air building or area used to hold different events, such as sports, games, or concerts.

**Gladiators**, *n.* Men from ancient Rome, usually criminals or slaves, who fought other men to provide entertainment for spectators.