

ROMAN BRITAIN FACT CARDS:

Hadrian's Wall

- Built in AD 122 by Emperor Hadrian to stop the Picts (from where Scotland is now) from invading the bottom half of Britain
- It took 6 years to build
- It was 5 to 6m high and 3m wide
- It had a fort every Roman mile (called Milecastles)
- It was patrolled mostly by Auxiliary soldiers



Roman Soldiers

- There were two main types, 'Auxiliaries' and 'Legionaries'
- Legionaries were normally from Rome but Auxiliaries were mostly made up of captured villagers who were often forced into fighting for the Romans
- Auxiliaries were a lower class of soldiers than the Legionaries and often went into battle first
- Auxiliaries normally wore cheaper chainmail called Lorica Hamata instead of the stronger plater armour worn by Legionaries called Lorica Segmentata
- Auxiliaries only got 1/3 of the Legionaries pay
- Auxiliaries got the worst jobs!
- Both had to be in the army for 25 years (if they lasted that long!)
- Legionaries could retire at the end and got a wage for the rest of their life called a pension, while Auxiliaries just got a certificate called a 'Diploma' which said they were a Roman citizen



LEGIONARY



AUXILIARY

The Celts

- They came from all over Europe, not just Britain
- They existed long before the Romans invaded
- They didn't wear armour
- In AD 61, a leader called Boudica led a rebellion against the Romans, destroying three cities (including London) and killing many Romans before she was captured and took poison
- All through the Roman period of 366 years they attacked the Romans whenever they could

