

Treehouse Theatre



A Play-in-a-Day The Romans are Coming!



"The children gained such a lot, both in terms of drama and performance, and also their knowledge and understanding of the subject. Ben was superb – he has a great manner with the children, high but manageable expectations, and was highly entertaining. Thank you for a great day!" *Hayeswood First School*

Britannica: a truly great prize for any Roman Emperor to seize. It took a few attempts but eventually the Invasion was well underway and the Romans were desperately trying to settle into life on the Emerald isle.

But what with Warrior Queens and crazy Kings, pesky Picts and corrupt Generals, never mind not being able to find a decent stinging nettle anywhere, was holding onto Britain going to prove even harder than the Invasion?

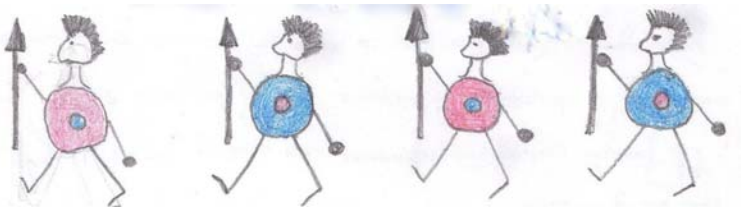
"There were a couple of children who were given speaking parts that do not usually take part in such activities. It was lovely to see them have confidence to do so" *Laleham Primary School*

Curriculum Links

History: The play is linked to 2014 KS2 History Curriculum unit "The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain" 55BC – 410AD

Drama: Various performance techniques are introduced, including: Breathing for Acting; Mime; Voice work; and Characterisation

"Everyone loves the warm ups: we all think it's hilarious when you loosen your face, and then you shake your head madly from side to side....it's interesting when we feel our diaphragms and laugh" pupil at St Marys Oxted



Main topics covered in the Play

- Julius Caesar's attempted invasion in 54-54 BC
- Caligula's false invasion
- The Roman Army
- Invasion by Claudius
- Resistance by King Caratacus
- The Story of Boudica.
- Agricola
- Hadrian's Wall and the pesky Picts
- Settlement
- Roman culture and its impact on Britain
- Goodbye Romans, Hello Saxons

"Sometimes people get embarrassed about playing a part, but with you it's like a switch has been flicked from a light bulb of embarrassment to a chandelier of confidence" pupil at St Marys Oxted

