

Cassivellaunus



Fact File

Cassivellaunus was the leader of the Celtic Catuvellauni, the fiercest tribe in Britain. They lived in the area of Devil's Dyke

They lived in huts surrounded by a deep defensive ditch to keep out enemies.

The Catuvellauni grew their hair long and wore animal skins. To terrify the enemy they would dye their skin blue with the juice of the plant woad and run naked, blue and screaming into battle.

When they killed an enemy they would cut off his head and put it on a post to show the sign of their power

When Julius Caesar arrived in 54BC, we think there was a battle near Devil's Dyke. Caesar left after they agreed a treaty.

Imagine...

Pretend you are Cassivellaunus. Imagine you are going into battle against Julius Caesar. Write your diary that night.

Imagine you are a child in the Catuvellauni tribe. Describe living in a thatched hut.

Imagine you are a Roman soldier arriving in Wheathampstead. Describe your thoughts when you first see someone from the Catuvellauni tribe.

Make a model of an Iron Age hut.

Design a Celtic shield or a helmet.

Find Out...

About the battle between Caesar and Cassivellaunus.

About how people lived in the Iron Age.