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Dear parent/guardian,

This half term our topic is “How did the arrival of the Romans change Britain?”. Most of our learning will be historically based. Britain formed part of the Roman Empire for almost 400 years and during that time it underwent significant changes, which, in turn, set in motion developments that have continued to influence the direction of our country ever since! The children will investigate in-depth questions about some of the important changes that occurred, as well as study aspects of Roman life.

Curriculum: In English we will be producing diaries from the perspective of a Roman. The children will draw on their history lessons to write detailed accounts of the lives experienced by different Roman people. They will also write a persuasive speech to try and inspire the Roman army to fight against the Celts. The children will be creating Roman catapults in DT, striking mosaics in Art, composing Roman themed motifs and threatening drumming patterns in music and exploring sound in Science.

Reading: Reading is a key aspect of our curriculum. It helps to improve vocabulary choices and is a transferable skill. Please continue to read with your child and encourage them to read several times a week. Making reading part of your child’s daily routine is a great way to make this achievable.

Homework: Thank you to all of you who are encouraging your child to complete their homework. Our homework is always linked to the consolidation of work covered in class, or to ongoing skills. Please also remind your child to practise times tables little and often, this could include reciting facts aloud, writing them down or playing on Times Tables Rockstars.

PE: We will be doing PE on **Monday** afternoons and **Thursday** afternoons. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on these days. A warm pair of tracksuit bottoms and an extra layer on top would be beneficial as we head into winter.

Events: We have our trip to Fort Nelson on Thursday 16th November so please remember to send your child in with a packed lunch and a warm coat.

Many thanks for your continued support and encouragement.

Miss Wadey, Mr Lammas and the Year 4 team