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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and welcome to our Year 4 Autumn 1 newsletter.

Our Topic for this half term is Rome, Italy.



In **English**, we are going to be producing two pieces of writing. Our first will be a setting description of modern-day Rome, describing what we see, which will be supported by the learning that takes place in our reading lessons. For our second piece, we will use our knowledge from our geography and reading lessons to write a non-chronological report on Rome.

In **geography**, our big questions is, '*Why did the Ancient Romans settle in Britain?*' As **historians**, we will be using vocabulary to describe Rome's location on a map and identifying its physical and human

features. This will help us understand why and how it became the epicentre of one of history's greatest civilisations, The Ancient Romans.

As mathematicians, we will further develop our understanding of place value by exploring numbers to 10,000. As well as this, we will build on our understanding of column addition and subtraction. Times Tables are an important part of learning in Year 4 so we encourage you to go on TT Rockstars and the Maths Frame Times Table check as much as you can at home. If your child has forgotten their login details, please ask their class teacher.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

As **Scientists**, we are going to be learning about our teeth, their functions and the digestive system. We will explore how teeth are connected to the type of diet an animal has. We have some very exciting investigations planned!





In **DT** we will be adapting a biscuit recipe. Children will learn about budgeting and packaging, conduct market research and bake a prototype of their biscuit.

Family Homework Challenge!

Great British Bake Off, move aside, here come the Bowling Park bakers!

This half term, our challenge to you is to create a showstopper bake at home! It could be brownies, cookies, cake, buns – whatever you like! Get the whole family involved and practice your maths skills by gathering data at home to see which bake your family would like you to make the most. You can also practice your measuring and capacity knowledge as you weigh out the ingredients! We would love to see photos of your bake or even a written review of it! Please do send them in.



Home learning expectations

We don't set weekly homework, but we do have home learning expectations. Please take some time to look at the following table to see what your child should be doing at home to extend their learning:

Activity/Task	Frequency
Reading their book band book	X3 a week
TT Rockstar - Soundcheck	Daily – for 5 minutes
Spelling Shed	Daily - for 5 minutes

You should already have your Spelling Shed and TTRockstars logins, but please let us know if your child has forgotten them. Please also make sure you are trying your best to read at home: even if it's just two pages each night.

As always, if you have any questions then please speak to your child's class teacher.

The Year 4 team