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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Year 4 Autumn 2 newsletter.

Our topic for this half term is Empire, learning all about the Ancient Romans.



In **English**, we are going to be producing two pieces of writing. Our first will be a persuasive speech, from the perspective of Boudicca, to persuade members of the Iceni tribe to go into battle against the Romans. This will be supported by the learning that takes place in our reading lessons. For our second piece, we will use our knowledge of Boudicca to write a character description.

In **history**, our big question is, 'Why did the Ancient Romans settle in Britain?' As **historians**, we will be investigating life in Ancient Rome and exploring how the Roman army was so successful. This will help us

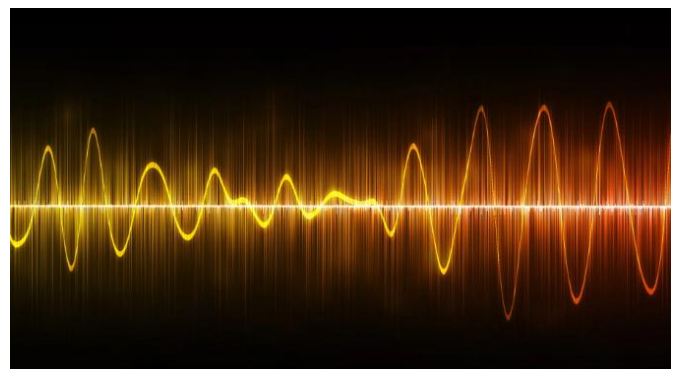
understand why and how the Ancient Romans invaded and settled in Britain.

As mathematicians, we will further develop our understanding of multiplication and division. As well as this, we will build on our understanding of area and factors. Times Tables continue to be 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 Energy: Sound and Vibrations. We will explore how sounds are made and how they can be heard through different mediums.



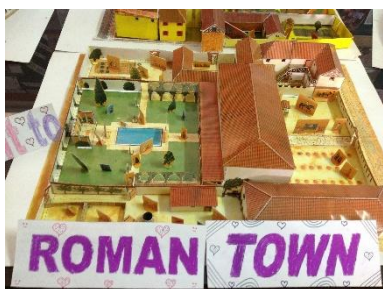


In **DT**, we will be exploring structures. Children will learn how to design and build a pavilion frame. They will add cladding to the frame structure.

Family Homework Challenge!

Create your own Ancient Roman town!

This half term, our challenge to you is to create an Ancient Roman town! You could use recyclable materials at home like cardboard boxes to make the different parts of the town like the forum, baths, and an amphitheatre. Get the whole family involved and practice your maths skills by designing a town layout with scaled measurements, even calculating the perimeter of key buildings. Test your knowledge further by labelling parts of the model using Roman numerals. We would love to see photos of your Ancient Roman town or even a written review of it! Please do send them in.



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