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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 Modern Rome!



As **geographers**, we will be using vocabulary to describe Rome's location on a map and recognising its physical and human features.

In **English**, we are going to be producing two pieces of writing. Our first will be a travel brochure to persuade people to visit the city of Rome which will be supported by the learning that takes place in our **reading** lessons exploring the features of a travel brochure. For our second piece, we are going to write our own instructions on how to conquer Europe like the Romans.

In **maths**, we will be learning about angles and perimeters of shapes, ordering numbers and working on addition and subtraction using column method. Times Tables are an important part of our 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.

<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 have some exciting experiments planned including making a stomach in a bag!



Let's get creative!

In **ART**, we will be learning how to create drawings with 3D effects and familiarising ourselves with different shading techniques to create contrast before developing these drawings in to prints.



Family Homework Challenge!

The Colosseum in Rome was vital to Roman culture as it kept its citizens entertained with gladiator fights, sports and other theatrical performances. Our challenge to you is to see if you can recreate this magnificent structure. You could use cardboard, foam or even marshmallows! Make sure you take pictures of your creations and they may just appear on our social media channels!



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

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

P.E

Our P.E day this year is Thursday for New Cross Street and Friday for Usher Street. Please send your child to school in their P.E kit on this day.

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

The Year 4 team