

Headteacher: **Mrs Lizzie Christopher**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3 of Year 4. We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and are fully recharged, ready for a new term.

### Curriculum Topic

Our topic this term is 'Romans' where children will be learning about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. A copy of this term's knowledge organiser is available on the school website which contains key information your child will be learning. Your child will have their own copy of this inside their Humanities book. Instead of sending home a copy of the Knowledge Organiser this term, we have made the decision to regularly send home small chunks of information based on a particular week's learning focus. We hope this change will support you in knowing what to go over with your child alongside supporting them to embed their learning.

### Clothing for the weather

As the winter season continues, we want all of the children to have appropriate clothing for the weather. It is really important for us to be able to take the children outside during break times and lunchtimes as we need to allow the classrooms to ventilate. Please ensure that your child has a warm, weatherproof coat so that we can go outside (even if it is lightly raining). Obviously, in more extreme weather conditions the children will be staying indoors. On PE days, joggers, tracksuits and/or sweatshirts/hoodies will be needed as wearing shorts and a t-shirt will leave your child too cold during break time and lunch time.

### Homework

As mentioned above, we will be regularly sending home sections of the 'Knowledge Organiser' from our topic, relevant to that week's learning focus via SeeSaw. It is really important that the children are discussing their learning at home as it greatly supports their work in class. We will continue to send home a times table grid each week - children should aim to complete this in less than 15 minutes. Additionally, pupils should be using Times Tables Rock Stars for at least 10 minutes per day (minimum of five times per week) to support their learning and quick recall of the multiplication tables facts. This term, the children will take part in monthly multiplication assessments in preparation for the Time Tables test set by the government in June. Please see the attached letter about this assessment for more information. We encourage pupils to write in their own reading diaries and ensure they are reading at home for at least 10-15 minutes and for a minimum of five times per week. As always, if you have any concerns regarding your child or their learning please come and see us at the end of the day or contact the office so that we can then get back to you as soon as we can.

Kind regards

The Year 4 Team