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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you and your children have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday and are all ready for a busy Autumn term.

We have also attached the overview for this term. Our topic will be 'The Romans', focusing largely on how The Romans impacted life in Britain. We shall be exploring many aspects of life in Ancient Rome and comparing our lives now to then and will be using a variety of resources to enhance learning. If you have any artefacts or resources that you think would be of use for this topic, please let me know. We will be unable to accept these into school in the current climate but they could perhaps be shared via Class Dojo.

This week we have been discussing what the children already know and what they would like to know about The Romans. We will use a variety of sources supported by ICT to research and find out about different aspects of life in Ancient Rome. They will make Roman shield designs and some Roman mosaics. They will also use Roman numerals in maths.

As you are all aware we are continually revising our procedures to ensure we are operating as safely as we can be in the current environment. As part of these revisions we are amending our routines for home spellings, reading and homework:

Home Spellings

We will send out the spellings in a PDF grid to your child's Dojo portfolio. This will happen on a Friday with a test of these spellings in class the following Friday. (We will also work on these in class during the week before the test.)

Reading Diaries

We do need to see Reading Diaries so that we can support you and your child with their home reading journey and therefore we will collect reading diaries in once a fortnight on a Friday and will check them the following Monday. This will mean you will have one week each fortnight without a diary at home but we are happy for you to up-date the diary with any weekend reads when it is returned to you on the Monday. This will commence Friday 18th September. Actual reading books will continue to be changed as needed. (Please be assured that these books are "quarantined" on their return to school.)

Homework books

We will continue to collect these books in on Monday and will leave them 48 hours before checking them and making comments on the work completed. Books will then be sent home again on the Wednesday.

If you would like to celebrate your child's home activities in between books being looked at by ourselves then please feel free to post a photo on your child's dojo portfolio.

This term we will be having our Forest School session on a Tuesday with a further outdoor PE session on a Thursday. Please ensure your child has the right kit in school for these activities.

Please do contact the school or message us via Dojo if you have any questions or queries.

Kind regards,

Mrs Parker – Standley and Miss Sturgess
Year 4 (Kingfishers) Class Teachers