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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope the children feel refreshed for the start of a new school year. They seem pleased to be back with their friends. We are looking forward to a busy and interesting term as we explore our new enquiry 'How did the Romans make their mark in world history?

We are all eager to begin the teaching and learning to support the children's curiosity and interest. As you can see from our enquiry web, we have a very exciting term ahead of us.

## Class information:

- Please ensure that your child always brings a water bottle to school.
- Please also ensure that children remember to keep their correct PE kit (plain coloured house T-shirt, dark shorts or tracksuit bottoms, jumper or sweatshirt, socks, trainers or daps) in school for the whole week as there may be additional activities or changes in session times. Children wishing to be excused from PE will need a note from home. Our PE will take place on Tuesday afternoon instead of two shorter sessions throughout the week and we will be doing PE outdoors.
- As previously, homework will be set termly during the first week of term and will be shared and celebrated in class in the last week of term. Please also continue to encourage your child to read a selection of different genres at home and write a comment in their reading record after doing so. Please keep practicing times tables in order to be able to rapidly recall all tables up to and including the 12 x 12 times table as these are essential in Year 5 and the Year 4 children will take a national times tables online test in June.
- Please also remember that homework and any class messages will be on the website. If you child is unable to
  attend school because they are isolating they will be able to access online learning on the website. If you
  are happy to do so, posting photos of your child's work on Class Dojo can be shared to the rest of the class.
- If you have any questions or queries please always either come and ask us or write a note in the record book, we are always happy to help.
- Please encourage your child to read to you as often as possible. We will reward children who read a lot at home with Dojo points. If your child is too tired, or reluctant to read to you, reading to your child is just as valuable. This can be a book that is a little beyond your child's comfort zone. Reading is essential for spelling, writing, understanding the curriculum, widening vocabulary and future life opportunities.

Here's to an exciting first term of the new school year!

Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Gerrard and Mrs Marsden