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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely summer and are now ready to begin Year 4. Mrs Sawford and I look forward to our learning journey together!

Our first topic is '**Roman Rule**'. All the curriculum areas will link to this theme where possible.

For our Novel Study English lessons, Class 4 will work closely alongside Class 3 in order to provide collaborative work and share learning experiences. We will be reading '**The Tear Thief**' by **Carol Ann Duffy** over the first half term. It is imperative that the children DO NOT have access to this book at home as a lot of our learning will take place through prediction and inference of characters and events. The children will access the book at school in carefully planned sections so that the highest level of understanding can be achieved. This will feed directly into their writing, spelling, grammar, vocabulary and punctuation skills. The collaboration with Class 3 last year proved to be very successful and it clearly had a positive impact on the quality of the children's writing.

Please continue to listen to your child read regularly at home as this really does influence their rate of progress. In Class 4, children earn one house point every 5 times they read at home as a motivational reward, do not forget to comment or at least initial their reading record. In school, the children will regularly take part in group guided reading sessions where their comprehension skills will be further developed.

Please see our curriculum page on the school website to access detailed planning and visit our class page for regular photos of what we are learning. You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook (see top of the letter).

Our value for this half term is '**Courage**'. We will continue to teach our lessons through different values to embed them in our learning and behaviour.

This half term our P.E. lessons will be on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Please ensure that your child has a fully named kit for inside and outside P.E. throughout the week.

Homework will continue with the monthly format. Children can complete tasks on a weekly basis and are encouraged to return it on Wednesdays to be marked before it is returned on Fridays. A copy of the homework will be given to the children and you can also find a copy on our website.

Please feel free to talk to me about any queries or concerns.

Many thanks,
Mrs D. Holcombe