Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy
Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

South American Class
Year 4

A warm welcome!

I'm Miss Crane and I am so excited to be the Year 4 class teacher again this year! We are so lucky to have many wonderful teaching assistants this year, one of which, Mrs Carter who knows the children well after being with them last year as well as Miss Abbs who will be with us all day and Miss Curtis in the afternoons. We hope you and your families had a wonderful summer and we are excited to welcome everyone as we start the Autumn term.

Our P.E session is on a Thursday this half term. Please send your child to school in their P.E kit on this day.

We also have forest schools every Friday,. Please ensure that wellies and appropriate clothing in school, especially as we approach the winter months and unpredictable English weather. .

Please do get in touch with any queries you may have.

This half terms learning

This half term our topic focus is History. We will be taking a learning journey about Roman Invasions

English Learning Objectives

This half term we will be reading the books **We were Romans** and **Escape from Pompeii.**
Initially, we will begin looking at recounts in the form of letters and Newspaper reports focusing on the class book, **Escape from Pompeii**. We will look closely at the structures and language features of these text types; and use these skills to create interesting letters from characters in our story and newspaper articles of events from our class book.

Following this , we will be exploring the structures of non– chronological reports based on the lives of Romans. We will be looking closely at the History of Romans; what they enjoy, they ate and what they wore. We will be looking closely at the importance of fact, third person and presentational features of non-chronological reports.

Reading Stars will continue each morning to develop the children's reading and comprehension skills as well as Grammar Gurus to support us with our grammar skills., spelling and handwriting.

Maths Learning Objectives

We will start the half term by looking at **place value.** We will be recapping numbers to 1000 before looking at rounding to the nearest 10 and 100, comparing 4-digit numbers and looking at negative numbers alongside some roman numerals.

We will then move onto **addition and subtraction.** We will be working with three digit and four-digit numbers. We will be looking at different methods to complete these addition and subtraction calculations.

Wider Curriculum

In **Science** we will be learning about teeth and digestion. We will be identifying the different types of teeth and understanding their uses, learning how to keep our teeth healthy and how this varies in different animals, as well as looking at what makes up our digestive system and how it works.

In **History** we will be learning about who the Romans were and the different people who contributed to the invasions across Britain, those who fought to protect against invasion of Britain and the fall of Roman Britain.

In **Design and Technology** we will be looking at the skills which come with making Roman Catapults. We will look at joints and movement to make an efficient piece.

In **R.E** we will be learning about where Christians beliefs come from.

We will start off **Computing** looking closely at the importance of E-Safety, arming ourselves with the support and understanding of how to keep safe online.

French will start by looking at the phonics of the language to help with pronunciation before moving on to learn how to introduce ourselves.

In **PSHE/RSE** we will be looking at friendships and the importance of being kind and dealing with situations that may be tough,

Music will be led by our wonderful music hub where the children will learn Ukulele and **P.E** from Mrs Greenland and myself.