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Year 4 Roman Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

During the Autumn term the children will be learning about the Romans. In order to help launch this topic, we will be holding a Roman themed day on Tuesday 22nd September. On this day we would like the children to wear the clothes that the ancient Romans in Roman Britain would have worn.

Roman Soldier

Traditionally the Roman army wore a short tunic under their armour. Please could your child come to school wearing a tunic (an adult T-shirt with a belt would be ideal). They can wear tights or tracksuit bottoms underneath to keep warm, open-toe sandals are optional! Children who bring in Roman weapons will not be allowed to take them out at playtimes but will be allowed to show them to their class (it would be really impressive if they knew what the Roman name for the weapon was too!)

Or

Roman Citizens

Men wore a knee-length tunic (chiton), either sleeveless or short-sleeved. Women wore a longer tunic which was often ankle-length. Important Romans dressed in a long robe called a toga.

You can get more ideas from books or this website:

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/romans/clothes.htm>

As part of this day the children will be decorating a Roman shield, for this we would like the children to bring in a large piece of thick card (e.g. from a cardboard delivery box rather than a cereal box - **no bigger than 1 metre please**). **If possible, please paint it red before bringing it in. Please can this be sent into school as soon as convenient, but no later than Tuesday 15th September.** The children will also be playing Roman games, using Roman numerals and creating a Roman road.

Unfortunately, due to current guidance, we will not be able to invite parents into the school this year. However, photographs will be placed on OWL soon after, so that you too, can experience the day. At the end of the school, the children will be able to take their Roman shields home with them. We suggest that when you collect your child you bring a large bin liner to protect their shields in case of rain. We look forward to a fun day.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. S. Lee & Miss K. Davidson