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Dear Parents,

It's been an exciting and gruesome start to Year 4 as we've dived into our Roman topic and explored the digestive system in Science!

A real highlight of Autumn 1 has been our trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace where we explored ancient mosaics, walked through Roman gardens and took part in a fantastic workshop! The children loved dressing up as Romans in the museum and even learnt to write Roman numerals on real wax tablets.

During the rest of our history lessons at school, we've been placing events on timelines, exploring how the Roman Empire took over most of Europe and even re-enacted a battle scene on the playground between the Romans and the Celts!

Some other highlights of Autumn 1 have been our disgusting science lessons! We've re-created the digestive system using mashed up bananas, crackers, cups and an old pair of tights! (Ask your child how this worked!). Our current experiment is exploring which liquids damage enamel on our teeth. The children chose a range of different drinks and we placed an egg in each to represent the enamel on our teeth. On Friday (20<sup>th</sup>) we will lift the eggs out of the liquids to see the results!

Some of our Year 4 children attended the KS2 multi-skills festival on the 11<sup>th</sup> October and represented BPS really well!

To reiterate many parents evening conversations, we have been pleased with how the children have settled into Year 4 and we look forward to spending Autumn 2 with them after their well-earned rest! Thank you again for all your support with your child/children at home, it really does make a difference to their learning!

Have a lovely half term,

The Year 4 team.

