Year 4 Communication Note

Friday 4th September 2026	**Topic: Autumn 1 – I am Warrior** **Love to Read and Learn to Read book:** Escape From Pompeii – Christina Balit

This Week

- ★ In Writing this week, we had an exciting hook lesson where our classroom appeared to have been affected by a natural disaster. The children became investigators and examined a range of clues to determine what had happened. After discussing the evidence and making deductions, we concluded that a volcano had erupted. We then introduced our new text driver, *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit, and began exploring the events surrounding this famous historical disaster.
- ★ In Maths, we focused on recapping addition using the column method. We used a range of practical manipulatives, including Dienes blocks and place value counters, to deepen our understanding of place value and support accurate calculations.
- ★ In History, we continued our learning about the Roman Empire. We explored how the empire expanded over time and discovered some of the lasting legacies of the Romans. In particular, we learned about the construction of their straight roads and the important role they played in connecting different parts of the empire.

Home Learning

Autumn 1 Topic Home Learning:
This term, our topic is I Am Warrior! In school, the children will be learning about the Romans, exploring what life was like in Roman Britain, the role of Roman soldiers, and the impact the Romans had on Britain. To support your child's learning at home, please choose one activity from the attached Home Learning Grid to complete together. Due date: Thursday 8th October 2026. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing the children's fantastic work! 😊

Weekly Home learning:
Please remember that children are expected to practise: their spellings **at least** 3 times per week, TTRS **at least** 3 times a week and read **at least** 3 times per week.

Reminders

- ★ Children are expected to come to school with a coat, water bottle and book bag every day. Please ensure your child has everything they need for school and that all items are clearly named.
- ★ If your child has shoulder length hair or longer, please remember that this needs to be tied up as part of our school uniform policy
- ★ Year 4 PE days are on Tuesday and Wednesday
- ★ Our Library Day is on a Wednesday.

Dates

Friday 11th September - Fishbourne Roman Palace Trip
Thursday 8th October - Topic Homework Due
Friday 9th October - Inset day.
Monday 13th - 16th October - Stubbington Residential and Woodland Week
Friday 23rd October - Roman Day (dress up)
Monday 26th October – Friday 31st October - Half Term

We are updating our English as an Additional Language (EAL) register to make sure our records are accurate and up to date. To help support your child and continue celebrating our multilingual community, we kindly ask you to complete the EAL form - https://forms.office.com/e/i7mswW5yPh

We are looking for volunteers who would like to support our young readers across the school. If you can offer a couple of hours each week, we would love to welcome you as a *Reading Volunteer*. Your role would involve listening to children read, encouraging their love of books, and helping build their confidence as developing readers. No experience is necessary—just a passion for supporting children and a willingness to give your time. If you are interested or would like more information, please let us know. Your support can make a wonderful difference!