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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Outdoor learning experience - 'The Romans' Tuesday 24th October 2017

We would like to inform you of an exciting opportunity for your child within Year 5 and 6. In conjunction with our topic on the Romans this term, we have been able to secure 3 members of staff from the local authority to visit our school for the day to lead a variety of outdoor activities.

The day will be split up into sections:

1. Movement of water along channels/aqueducts – lay lengths of guttering along ground (and aqueducts with arches across valleys) to transport water effectively without leakages between 2 points.
2. Roman army weapons - make bow/arrow and spears - fire at Celt warrior targets (with woad face paint and lime in hair to look fierce)
3. Map of Roman Britain - create large outline map of UK – using chalk on playground or using rope on grass field - and add markers to show locations of main Roman towns and roads and Hadrians wall and invasion locations etc. Also a journey through history – place flags marked with different periods of history in order to show period of Romans Empire. Also more detailed showing times of Roman expansion, invasion etc into Britain.
4. Roman army weapons – make catapults (ballistas) fire table tennis or sponge balls – using elastic and fitness therabands – have to hit target or knock down skittles.
5. Mark out the foundations of a Roman fort - square 100ft x 100ft using Decempeda (10ft length poles) with 12 wooden pegs and lengths of string.
6. Gladiator fights in amphitheatre – participants make swords and shields (out of cardboard) and engage in gladiator fights.

The children will be fully supervised by school staff in addition to the qualified leaders of the activities. Appropriate risk assessments and health and safety precautions will be in place on the day of all the activities.

The children will remain on the school premises throughout the day. However, due to the nature of the activities, we would request that they wear non uniform and preferably old but warm clothes as they are likely to get dirty and spend a lot of the time outdoors. This will also mean the children require a pair of appropriate outdoor shoes (maybe wellies/boots) and a comfortable pair of indoor shoes, these could be their usual school shoes. They will need a coat (preferably waterproof) and warm hat with them for the day.

If your child has any allergies or other medical conditions which might be affected by participating in these activities, please ensure you inform the school fully beforehand. Many thanks. If you have any questions with regards to the activities please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Miss Woodall
KS2 Leader