

Year 4 Newsletter 2019

Autumn 1

This half term...

Topic: BURPS, BOTTOMS and BILE

This science-based topic will teach children about the journey of food through the digestive system. This includes a focus on teeth and plenty of practical scientific activities and experiments that Year 4 will definitely enjoy!

English: Some of our English work is linked to our new class novel *Demon Dentist by David Walliams*. We will write a character description, an explanation text and a diary entry. Fortnightly spelling tests will also continue.

Maths: The focus of the next few weeks in maths will be multiplication and division. Children will learn how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100, and they will look at how multiplication and division knowledge is intertwined for all times tables up to 12x.

Fortnightly tables tests will continue.



Useful reminders

Homework

We will give children homework every **Thursday** and they need to return it by **Tuesday**. There is also a choice of Project Homework. If your child has a sibling in school and they contribute to their homework this is counted as one piece.

Reading at home

Children are expected to read at home at least 4 times per week. Please sign your child's record / planner each time your child reads at home. Children will receive a free book of their choice when they reach termly milestones! Children are expected to reach 50 reads by Christmas.

Packed lunches

Packed lunches should be well balanced with a mixture of savoury and sweet. Packets of sweets or fizzy drinks should not be included as part of a packed lunch. As we have a number of children with peanut allergies no packed lunches should contain nuts, peanut butter sandwiches or Nutella sandwiches.

Bikes and scooters

For health and safety reasons while inside the school site please can children push scooters and bikes.

School uniform

Please ensure your child wears: black school shoes; white polo shirt; royal blue jumper or cardigan; black/grey school trouser/shirt/pinafore; hair accessories – school colours; no nail varnish or make-up.

Star of the Week

A reminder that your child can only be eligible for Star of the Week if they read 4 times in a week at home, follow the golden rules, wear correct uniform, have full attendance for the week and have no late marks.

Other information

- Indoor PE kit will be needed for our sessions on a **Wednesday afternoon**.
- The year four children will continue to have chess on a **Wednesday afternoon**.
- Parts for the KS2 Nativity will be issued very soon. As always, Year 6 and 5 children will have many of the main roles, however, there is always room for talented and committed performers in year four. We will make it clear to your child what their role involves and practice at home over the coming weeks will be very important. Children who are not allocated an acting role will form the choir and will still play a full part in rehearsals.

• Keep an eye on **Spelling Shed**

for new spelling lists.

- Times tables practice:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

Dates

- Tuesday 12th Nov: Flu Immunisation Rec-Y6
- Friday 15th Nov: Children in Need Day-
- Saturday 30th Nov: Xmas Market 10am – 1pm
- Wed 11th Dec: KS2 Nativity, 2pm
- Thurs 12th Dec: School Closed for Polling Day
- Friday 13th Dec: KS2 Nativity, 10am
- Friday 13th Dec: Xmas Dinner Day
- Friday 13th Dec: Family Xmas Crafts in Y4, 1:30pm
- Tuesday 17th Dec: Y4 Xmas Party (children can bring party clothes to change in to)
- Wed 18th Dec: KS2 Xmas Church Performance (Parents/carers welcome, children can wear Xmas jumpers)
- Friday 20th Dec: Polar Express Afternoon (details to follow)