



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We are really looking forward to working with you and your child (ren). This half term our topic will have a scientific focus. The children will go on a voyage of discovery to investigate the busy world inside your body. They will focus on the digestive system and consider the importance of their teeth and dental hygiene. It should be a fun packed half term.

- **Reading books** should be brought into school **every day**. Please read with your child every day and record any reading your child completes at home in their diaries. We aim to change books weekly and now have a specific library time on Monday mornings. Due to the current guidelines, when a child returns a book to school, it will remain in a lidded box for a quarantine period of 72 hours before being put back into the library.
- Your child will come to school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE and Junior Jam. For both Year 4 classes these days will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that they have appropriate clothing as they do go out in all weathers (shorts, tracksuit bottoms, jumper, t-shirt, trainers and socks). **All items of uniform and PE kit must be named. Children are not allowed to wear jewellery at school.** Furthermore, we also have an allocated time for Forest School, and for both Year 4 classes, this will be a Friday morning. Please ensure that your child brings in a change of footwear which is suitable for the forest school environment. They will also need a waterproof coat during the colder months.
- This year the children will have a locker for their personal belongings i.e. bags and coats. The lockers will be numbered and your child will be allocated a number so that they know which locker to use. They will still have a drawer in the classroom but we ask that the children **do not** bring pencil cases to school please as they are provided for them due to current Covid guidance.

English

Non-Chronological Report

These lessons will be based on writing a report about the digestive system and thinking about using simple organisational devices like headings and sub-headings.

Narrative – Fantasy Stories

We will be reading a text called 'Demon Dentist' this half term so the children will learn to compose sentences orally, vary vocabulary and increase their use of sentence structures.

Description

This piece of writing will also be linked to our class text – Demon Dentist and the children will be writing a descriptive piece about one of the characters from the book.

Maths

Arithmetic

Solve mental calculations which involve the four operations.

Number and Place Value

Read, write, order and compare

Addition and Subtraction

numbers up to and beyond 1000 and determine the value of each digit. Round any whole number to a required degree of accuracy. Use negative numbers in context and calculate intervals across zero. Solve number and practical problems that involve all the above.		Add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using formal written methods. Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to calculations. Solve addition and subtraction problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.
Computing	Digital Images	The children will edit images of themselves and then present the digestive system using power-point.
Science	Digestive System and Dental Hygiene	The children will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe basic parts of the digestive system. • Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their functions. • Construct and interpret a variety of food chains.
RE	Why are festivals important to religious communities? Eid focus	The focus enables pupils to learn in depth about festivals and how they are linked to religious communities. The children will study the festival of Eid and investigate how Muslims celebrate this particular festival.
MFL	Getting to know you	We will be learning greetings and counting to 10 in French
PE	Tennis (4 TH) Netball (4BM)	
Art	Sketching parts of the Human Body	The aim is to improve the children's ability to sketch. They will learn to use their skills to create realistic images of the human body.

Things that you could do at home:

- Learn how to boost your immune system. Make a poster or an advert for a doctor's surgery helping people to avoid falling victim to the flu season.
- Do you have any horrid habits (nail biting or ear picking)? Think of some tips on how to give up a horrid habit.
- Try a new food or drink that you have never tasted before. What do you like or dislike about its taste and texture?

Here are a few websites that may help to support your child's learning during this half term.

Maths

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

Number, Place Value, Four Operations, Fractions, Geometry, Handling Data

English

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

Reading, Writing and Grammar

Science

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z27kng8>

The digestive system

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