

## Our topic this half term is **BURPS, BOTTOMS & BILE**

### Maths

To support your child with their maths in Year 4 here are some helpful pointers:

. We have a big focus on learning times tables and are expecting the children to make full use of Times Tables Rockstars which your child has their own username and password for. The children will sit their Times Tables Check in June next year and need to know all their times tables by then. Please see your child's teacher if they are not able to access the internet at home so we can make arrangements for your child to work on Times Tables Rockstars in school.

. We are sending out homework every Friday for maths. The work is a revision of what we have been covering in class and is due in the following Wednesday. Feel free to pop and see us if you have any concerns about any homework sent home.

. The children have covered all four of the standard methods of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication and we will revise those again in school. These are the methods you should use at home when completing work with your child.

### Special sessions!

Swimming sessions will continue at the Bromsgrove Sports and Leisure Centre for the first group of swimmers. The second group will start their sessions on 26th November so you will receive a consent form after half term if your child is in this group.

As always please ensure PE kits are always in school to enable your child to benefit from these sporting opportunities.

Welcome to our second half term of learning in Year 4 where our incredibly exciting new topic is 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile', a fantastic topic of learning all about teeth and digestion.

Our topic will be launched with a visit by a local dentist who will be educating the children about their teeth and how to keep them clean and healthy.

For writing this half term, we will be using a range of texts as a stimulus including Fungus the Bogeyman and The World's Worst Children.

Details for our Children in Need fundraiser will follow shortly regarding activities on November 15<sup>th</sup>

### English

**How can you help your child in English? Here are some great ideas:**

- ★ Please continue to support your child with reading at home, they may prefer to read to themselves instead of reading aloud which is great too. Please record this entry in their reading record so it counts towards their number of weekly reads.
- ★ We have a focus on creating imagery through vocabulary choices in Year 4 so you could discuss this with your child, supporting them to identify and pick out effective vocabulary and word types. Look for sentences starting with a fronted adverbial with them as this is a Year 4 writing expectation. Also ask your child to be inverted commas and the associated punctuation spotters; this will support them with using this with more accuracy in their writing.
- ★ Try to share books that support the topic so for this half term, maybe you could have a look for books about the body, specifically teeth, digestions and the skeleton in the local library. If your child enjoys reading information style texts then this topic will be ideal to support that. Explore the contents page and look out for any specific topic related vocabulary.

### Topic

**Our topic for next half-term is Burps, Bottoms & Bile which is very science focused within our topic work. Learning will include:**

- . Writing an information sheet for the dentist to advise on how to keep your teeth healthy
- . Making models of our different teeth with salt dough
- . Planning and carrying out an investigation into how different drinks affect tooth enamel
- . Making models of the digestive system to support learning about the organs involved in digestion

In R.E. we will be continuing to learn about life for people who follow the Hindu faith including learning about reincarnation. We will also be learning about why Ghandi was such an important figure for Hindus.

**Unlocking the learning at home....as always we have received some super examples of home learning which are always on display in the classrooms or the main entrance. Please remember that if your child is unsure of their home learning then we can help with resources to complete their home learning, or discuss ideas with them. Please just ask one of us for support. We believe it is very important that every child has the opportunity to engage with learning at home and will support however we can with this.**