



Curriculum Newsletter



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Year 4
Burps, Bottoms & Bile

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Topic

Welcome to the first topic for this year, Burps, Bottoms and Bile, where we will be learning all about our teeth and how our bodies digest the food we eat. In our PSHE learning we will be exploring positivity and the importance of happiness. R.E learning explores what it is like to be a Hindu in Britain today. In Art and Design, we are developing our sketching skills and learning about form, pattern, tone and texture. In French, we are learning numbers to 30 and starting to tell the time. In Computing, we are using Turtle Playground as a program to code and debug repetition in shapes.

English	Maths
<p>How can you help your child in English? Here are some great ideas:</p> <p>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. There are a range of books available for your child to read on Rising Stars and your child should have their login details at the back of their reading record. There's a quiz to complete once the book has been read too.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Try to share books that support the topic so for this half term, maybe you could have a look for books about different places of interest around the world. Explore the contents page and look out for any specific topic related vocabulary.</p>	<p>To support your child with their maths in Year 4 here are some key pieces of information:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We have introduced the children to some more free maths websites to support with quick mental maths recall including Math Playground and Topmarks.</p> <p>Please support your child to practise reading the time from an analogue clock to the nearest minute. Telling the time in analogue is a really important skill and practising at home will really help with this. We will be focusing on time telling in two of our weekly quiz sessions.</p> <p>We will be learning about place value and column methods, rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 and comparing and ordering numbers this half term.</p> <p>If you have any queries about your child's maths or any aspect of their maths learning then please do not hesitate to email their teacher about it.</p>

Additional after school clubs and sessions

Drama and multi sports sessions are available for Year 4 children this half term. You will have had Epraise messages about signing up for these. Please ask your child's teacher if you have any queries about these extra sessions.



Home Learning



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Unlocking the Learning

As part of our home learning, we would like the children to take part in one or more of our creative homework projects that link to this half term's learning. Our topic for this half term is Burps, Bottoms & Bile, a Science based topic.

We look forward to seeing the results and would like the children to email their completed projects to us by the week beginning Monday, 11th October, so that they can share and celebrate each other's talents before the end of term. We would ask that this project reflects six weeks' worth of work, and demonstrates the children's own work, although we really appreciate your support in helping them complete their homework.

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 email 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.

<p><u>Digestive system Quiz</u></p> <p>Who wants to be a millionaire? Create a multiple answer quiz on the digestive system. Which organ stores bile? a. Small intestine b. liver c. gallbladder or d. pancreas</p>	<p><u>How long is your small and large intestine?</u></p> <p>Use research to find out the measurements for the different parts of your digestive system. Use chalk or a piece of string to show how long your intestines would look stretched out.</p>	<p><u>Coin cleaning cola?</u></p> <p>Drop grubby copper-plated coins into a range of fizzy drinks and leave them overnight to see what happens. Which brand has the most powerful cleaning properties?</p>
<p><u>Horrid habits</u></p> <p>Create a comic book character about a child with a horrid habit (like nail biting or ear picking). Then create a comic strip where your character goes on an adventure to try and give up their horrid habit.</p>	<p><u>Online projects</u></p> <p>Look online and search for information about teeth and digestion. How will you present your learning? You could make a poster or write a report</p>	<p><u>The journey of food</u></p> <p>What is the journey a piece of food takes inside your body? You could write about it or draw it</p>