



## Year 4 Spring 2

### Burps, Bottoms and Bile



#### P.E. Challenge

Learn to play Tri-Golf with your teacher and Tag-Rugby with Mr Botfield. Then, why not challenge yourselves to practice some of the passing skills and throwing skills that you use in Rugby. You could even work as a group to create a series of moves to perform to the class! Maybe even get someone to film you and tweet it!

#### Our topic learning will cover these subject this half term: Science, DT and Art

Open wide – let's take a look inside. We're on a voyage of discovery to investigate the busy world inside your body. Do you have a toothy grin or a winning smile? Take dental impressions and test the effects of sugary substances on your pearly whites. Follow a tasty morsel as it makes its way through your digestive system, helped by some mouth-watering saliva. And don't forget the importance of good hygiene at both ends. And whilst we're talking business, could you recognise an animal just by its poo? Are you brave enough to take the challenge? Make a working model of the digestive system and use it to persuade others to eat healthily. Learn how to look after this marvellous belching, squelching, mixture making machine we call our body.

For homework challenges why not...

- Design and make a poster to advertise how to stay healthy. Think about exercise, diet and hygiene.
- Write a story as if you were an item of food travelling all the way through the digestive system.
- Sketch an item of food using the sketching skills we have practiced in school so far.
- Design a menu for a restaurant. Think about all the food groups and what constitutes a balanced, healthy diet.

#### Spelling (KS2) Phonics (KS1)

We will be focusing on the following spellings this half term. All the words we are learning are part of the year 3/4 spelling list and contain common phonic sounds. Please support your children with learning to read, understand and spell each word. These words are important in supporting your child with achieving age related expectations for their year group. We check if children spell these words in context and also during assessment weeks. In school we have been making the spelling activities as fun as possible; writing the words out of playdoh, in sand or using different coloured pens.

Spelling List:

Flamboyant			
Boy	pure	hear	spire
Toy	manure	here	umpire
Enjoy	endure	persevere	vampire
Annoy	insecure	hemisphere	admire
Point	appear	engineer	dire
Disappoint	disappear	volunteer	retire



A full comprehensive list of the year 3/4 spelling words can be found on the Year 4 page on our school website.

#### Reading

Remember, reading aloud and being read to is important and at any age and any stage!

#### Books you might enjoy this half-term:

##### Fiction

- Demon Dentist by David Walliams
- Loo! (Dirty Bertie) by Alan McDonald
- Germs (Dirty Bertie) by Alan McDonald

##### Non-Fiction

- Why do we eat? by Stephanie Turnbull
- Disgusting Digestion by Nick Arnold

##### Poetry

- Beetle in the Bathroom by Brian Moses
- Revoltin' Rhymes by Roald Dahl

#### Top Tips for Reading at Home

Read for at least 10 minutes every day, each time you read to an adult you will earn house points.



Read out loud and put expression into what is read.

Discuss what is happening. Can your children summarise what has happened, pick out the important events or read between the lines to tell you something that is implied about a character?

Discuss vocabulary and language. Does your child understand what a word means? Can they put it in their own sentence? Can they think of similar or opposite words.

Make reading together an enjoyable time. As well as reading books from school, your child might enjoy reading magazines, children's newspapers, journals, sports biographies or children's annuals.

#### Maths

#### Accelerated Maths! (KS2 only)

Accelerated Maths is an engaging online resource which targets the children at their level. They have a designated time slot in school once a week to access the tests and practise work that we are covering in lessons. We encourage the use of this outside of school as it will help your child progress in Maths.

#### Times Table Rock Stars!

This is another fun online resource which will support your child with learning their times tables through games and competitions with their peers. They will have an opportunity to use it in school once a week but we recommend they access it at home for extra support.

Your child does have access to all logins for the above platforms, however, if you have any problems then please get your child to ask their class teacher or contact your child's class teacher through the school office.

Please continue to practice telling the time with your child at home. We do this daily in school and it is the best way for children to become confident in this area. In school

