

Willow Class Autumn 2 2021



Burps, Bottoms and Bile

Open wide – let's look inside! We're on a voyage of discovery to investigate the busy world inside your body.

This half term, we'll ask lots of questions and learn new scientific vocabulary. At school, we'll use this information to write toothy fact files. There will be lots of investigating as we learn about our different teeth, how to brush them and how sugary drinks affect them. We'll examine the amount of sugar in different foods and create images of ourselves with healthy and unhealthy teeth. We'll write a story describing the journey a piece of food takes through the digestive system. In science, we'll learn about the organs involved in digestion and make our own models of the digestive system. We'll learn about digestion in different animals and explore adaptations.

At the end of the topic, we'll write persuasive texts to convince people to eat healthily and share these with you. We'll use what we've learned to play a scientific game and create healthy snack plans for our friends. We'll also write to our digestive systems, promising to keep them healthy!



Key information and dates

Children to wear PE kit to school	Mondays and Thursdays, except the last Thursday of the term (Thursday 16 th December 2021)
Weekly homework spelling and times table	Given Monday, tested Friday
Reading Record Books to school and core books may be changed	Every Monday
Topic homework due to share	Monday 6 th December



Homework

Spelling - Children will be given spellings on a Monday and then tested on these on Friday. Some children will be given just 1 spelling, others up to 6. Spellings will be posted on Seesaw and are also attached to this letter so you can see what we are learning up to Christmas. Practise at home is essential so that the children can make their best progress.

Times tables - As you may be aware, there is now a statutory times tables test at the end of Year 4 with the expectation that children know and can recall quickly all times tables facts up to 12x. Your child will be focussing on a particular times table each week, see below. We will teach the times table in school, revisit it in a variety of ways during the week but practise at home is essential to meet these high expectations. Logging onto *TT Rockstars* two or three times a week for 15 minutes is encouraged so your child can make good progress, or please do use other methods if you find these more effective for your child.

Reading – children will read regularly at school, either as a whole class, independently or to an adult. If children are on a free reader level, they will bring this book home. If they are on the reading scheme, then children will work at this level in school but will bring home a book from the core below. This is to encourage fluency in reading at home and allow you to enjoy reading with your child and having conversations around the text you read. Free readers will need to ensure they bring their book into school daily. All other children, please bring your book into school to change on Mondays only. Please send in the reading record books on Monday so that we can see how busy the children have been reading at home!

Topic homework - children are expected to complete **TWO pieces of homework** to be shared in school during the week commencing **6th December**. Ideas are outlined below but if children have their own ideas then please let them follow that path. Learning should be presented in their own words rather than using cutting and pasting from the internet and should be age appropriate. NB: Please can PowerPoints be no more than 5 slides so that they can be shared fully on Seesaw. Some useful websites are noted at the end of this letter.

- Learn and recite (from memory) a tooth/digestive system/food related poem. The more amusing, the better! There is a website below with some great ideas.
- Complete 3 activities from the Real PE At Home activities. Film yourself or take a photograph of you doing them.
- If you would like to do a little homework every day, take a toothbrushing chart home (ask Mrs Webb or Mrs Morgan for one) and complete it every day for a month.
- If you would rather do a longer piece, Choose a job that interests. Find out what qualifications you need and what a typical day be like: dentist, hygienist, dental nurse, nurse, doctor, gastroenterologist.
- Learn how to boost your immune system. Make a poster or advert for a doctor's surgery to help people avoid falling victim to the cold and flu season.

Key dates and weeks this half term:

Week 2: Remembrance Day Thursday 11th November. We will observe a 2 minute silence at 11am.

Week 3: Anti-bullying week Monday 15th November – Friday 19th November. Wear blue on Thursday 18th

November. Children In Need – Friday 19th November – Non-Uniform Day

Week 6: Tuesday 7th December – Year 4 Christmas Concert. Friday 10th December – Children's Christmas Fair – children can bring in up to £10 to spend on activities and gifts.

Week 7: Christmas Week; Monday 13th December – Friday 17th December.

Tuesday 14th December – Christmas Breakfast. Wednesday 15th December – Christmas Jumper Day. Thursday 16th December- Bring in Christmas Hat to wear during Christmas lunch (TBC for this day). Bring in a Christmas joke to tell the class. Friday 17th December – Non-uniform Day and class party in the afternoon.

Spellings and times tables

Week commencing	Spellings			Times Table
	Seahorses	Jelly fish	Star fish	
1/11	Recalling and consolidating spelling rules from last half term			6
8/11	information sensation potato potatoes pressure	information sensation potato	information	7
15/11	preparation adoration admiration probably promise	preparation adoration admiration	preparation	8
22/11	division invasion purpose quarter question	division invasion purpose	division	6
29/11	confusion decision recent regular reign	confusion decision recent	confusion	7
6/12	television collision remember sentence separate	television collision remember	television	8
13/12	Consolidation of all words from this term			Consolidation of all times tables

If you have any questions, please do contact via emails
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Useful websites to help with homework

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/human-body/digestion/teeth/>

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/human-body/digestion/>

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

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/human-body/body-defences/germs-and-disease/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/science-ks2-digestion-how-breakfast-affects-your-day/zk7rkmn>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zr7jmp3>

<https://www.poetry4kids.com/topic/food/>