

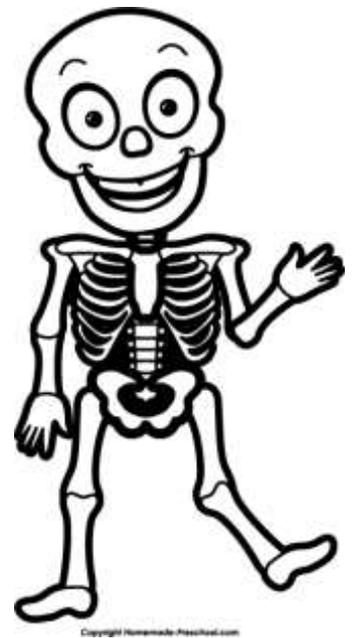
Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2 2017.

Welcome back to a busy and exciting half term.

Our main topic this half term is entitled, 'Healthy Humans'.

The children will learning all about the human body but in particular how a healthy and varied diet is essential for good health.



English

We begin the half term by exploring fables. We will read and discuss various Aesop's fables. After exploring the characters and morals in these fables, the children will develop their own plot and write their own fable.

Next we will look at poems with a structure (shape poems and calligrams). We will consider how the organisation and layout of the poem helps to convey the meaning.

Finally we explore persuasive writing, this will be linked to our topic focus and will build up to the children using persuasive techniques to write a persuasive letter.

Mathematics

It is crucial that the children continue to learn all their multiplication tables.

This half term we will focus on:

Multiplication facts- recalling and using multiplication and division facts for 3 and 4 times tables. Counting on or back in different steps.

Written and mental multiplication - Use mental strategies before progressing to a more formal written method to calculate two digits multiplied by one digit.

Solve missing number problems- involving both multiplication and division.

Written and mental division- Use multiplication tables to divide two digits by one digits working towards a formal written method.

Time - tell the time using 24 hour and 12 hour clock. To know the number of seconds in a minute, number of days in each month, year and leap year.

3D Shape- Recognise and make 3D shapes from modelling materials. Identify horizontal and perpendicular lines.

Science

Looking at diet, movement and the skeleton. We will consider the importance of nutrition, know that there are different food groups and understand the proportions of the different food groups that we need to eat to stay healthy.

The children will be asked to use their knowledge to recommend and devise healthy diets for a range of individuals with specific dietary requirements.

We will also compare the diets of different animals.

We will look at the skeleton and the digestive system and I hope to act out the process of digestion with the children.

D.T

Will be closely linked to our topic, we will investigate the different taste and texture of food. We will explore and taste a range of traditional Christmas food from other countries. We will also be cooking a dish and evaluating it against a given criteria.

Religious Education.

Our worship theme this half term is Compassion.

In R.E lessons we will be thinking about the Christmas story and be considering the ways that God is present with us.

Art

Focusing on the work of Arcimboldo and Oldenburg, the children will be recreating observational drawings, paintings and sculptures in the style of these artists.

Music

We will performing songs with musical expression, identify a tempo in music as well as looking at musical notation. We will also be learning songs and preparing for our Advent Service in Church 5th December at 6pm.

Tai Chi

We are very lucky to be having a 4 week course of Tai Chi on a Tuesday morning.

Computing

Will be looking at Computer Science and coding. E-safety will be an on-going theme throughout the year. It is important that children recognise the importance of keeping safe whilst accessing the internet both in school and at home.

Routines.

P.E for this half term will be on Monday and Tai Chi on a Tuesday. Any child wearing earrings must be able to remove them for PE lessons.

Reading Books will be changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please remind your child to put their books in the tray in the classroom ready for changing.

Homework will be given on a Friday to be returned to school by the following Wednesday. It is vital that homework is completed to a high standard and returned to school on time.

Spellings will be given out each Monday to be tested the following Monday. Please ensure that your child has their orange spelling books in school on a Monday ready for the new spellings.

On a Wednesday morning we will have either a mental maths tests or a times tables test.

Any letters or reply slips can be returned to school via the children's bags. They will be expected to check their bags and hand in any slips before morning registration.

More information regarding the curriculum can be found on the school website. If I can be of any further assistance do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs S Hayward.