

Juniper's Newsletter Spring One

Welcome back to a brand new term at Akroydon Primary Academy.

I hope you all had a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

LITERACY

This half term in Literacy, pupils are going to be investigating the human body and how it works. This is going to be done with the help of the story 'The magic school bus - inside a human body'. We are going to be building up to writing an explanation text about the journey through a human body, the different organs and how they work.

We also have two other books that we are going to be looking at in class. We will be using Roald Dahl's 'George's marvellous medicine' for guided reading and as a class we will be reading Mary Norton's 'The Borrowers'.

Finally, we will be using the knowledge we have gained through our reading and science work to write our own stories about a journey through the human body. Remember, you can help your child with their learning by discussing what they have studied during the day's lesson. Encourage them to read every night, listening to them whenever possible. If they read for at least 10 minutes and bring their record in signed they will get a point on the reading reward scheme. Remind your child to learn their weekly spelling lists at home.

Key vocabulary:

Explanation text - a non-fiction piece of writing that tells you information about what something is and how it works.

Mathematics

As you are aware, over the Autumn term the children were working on objectives based around:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division

Over the rest of the year, they will be covering objectives based around the following areas:

- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions and Decimals
- Measurement
- Geometry (Shape and Space)
- Statistics (Data Handling)

During this half term the pupils are going to be continuing to explore multiplication and division. However, we are going to be moving away from looking at multiplication and division facts to learn about written methods for both.

We will also be exploring area of shapes and starting our work on fractions.

Key vocabulary:

Multiply, Divide, fact family, area, perimeter, Fraction, part of

SCIENCE

This half term Year 4 will be investigating the human body. We will mainly be looking at the basic parts of the digestive system and exploring how the different parts work. We will also be identifying the different types of teeth a human has as well as their function. Alongside our work exploring the human body, we are also going to be investigating food chains and looking at what makes a healthy diet.

Key Vocabulary:

Digestive system, stomach, liver, intestine, canine, incisor, molar, producer, prey, predator, carnivore, omnivore, herbivore. Protein, carbohydrate, fat, dairy, sugar.





Other Curriculum Areas

PE - We will be continuing our weekly swimming lessons at Halifax Swimming Baths in conjunction with the other year 4 class. In our other weekly P.E lesson, we will be learning the necessary skills and teamwork required to play tennis.

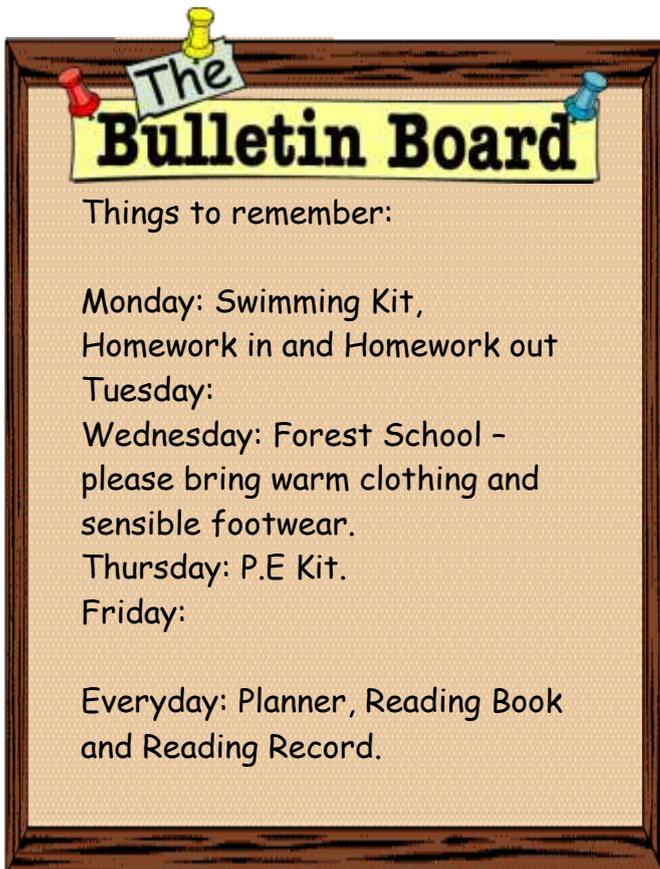
RE - We will be thinking about people and things that could inspire us in our everyday lives.

PSHE - We will be exploring opportunities for the children to make their own choices about food, what might influence their choices and the benefits of eating a balanced diet.

Music - We will be continuing learning different songs during the singing assembly every week.

Computing - We will be looking at using various computer programmes to create our own animation of the digestive system.

French - We will be continuing learning our simple French phrases building up to having a conversation.



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Things to remember:

Monday: Swimming Kit,
Homework in and Homework out

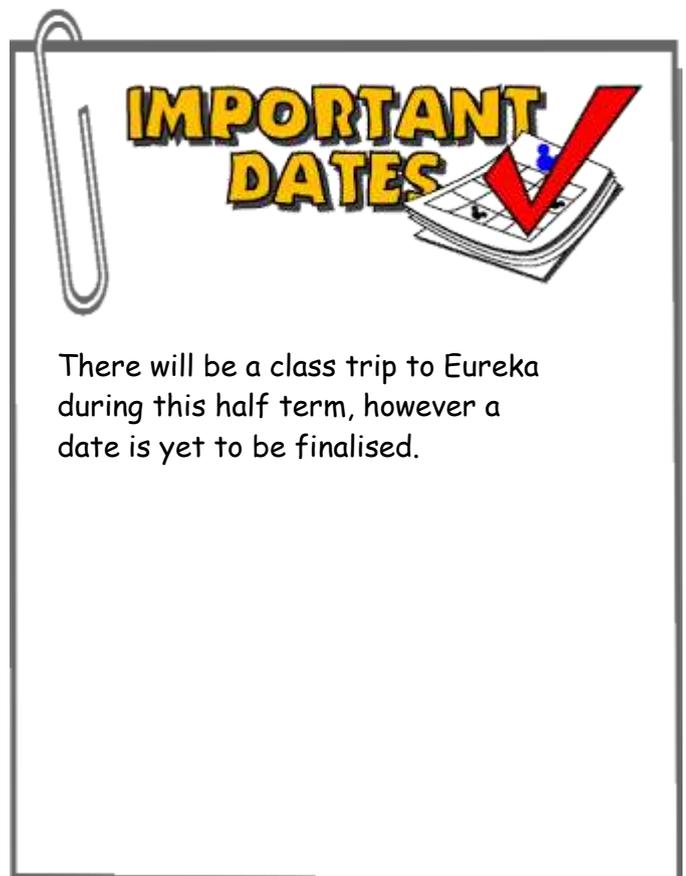
Tuesday:

Wednesday: Forest School -
please bring warm clothing and
sensible footwear.

Thursday: P.E Kit.

Friday:

Everyday: Planner, Reading Book
and Reading Record.



IMPORTANT DATES

There will be a class trip to Eureka during this half term, however a date is yet to be finalised.

Maths - <http://uk.mathletics.com/>

English - <https://www.literacyshed.com/>

E-Safety - https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/

Topic -

<http://www.ducksters.com/science/biology/humanbody.php>

