

Linden's Newsletter Spring One

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to a brand new term and year at Akroydon Primary Academy. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This coming term is a fairly short one, however there are plenty of new and exciting topics that the children will be covering in the upcoming weeks. Once again, I am open to any concerns and my door is always open - that or you can grab me at the door.

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 objective 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. Along side 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.

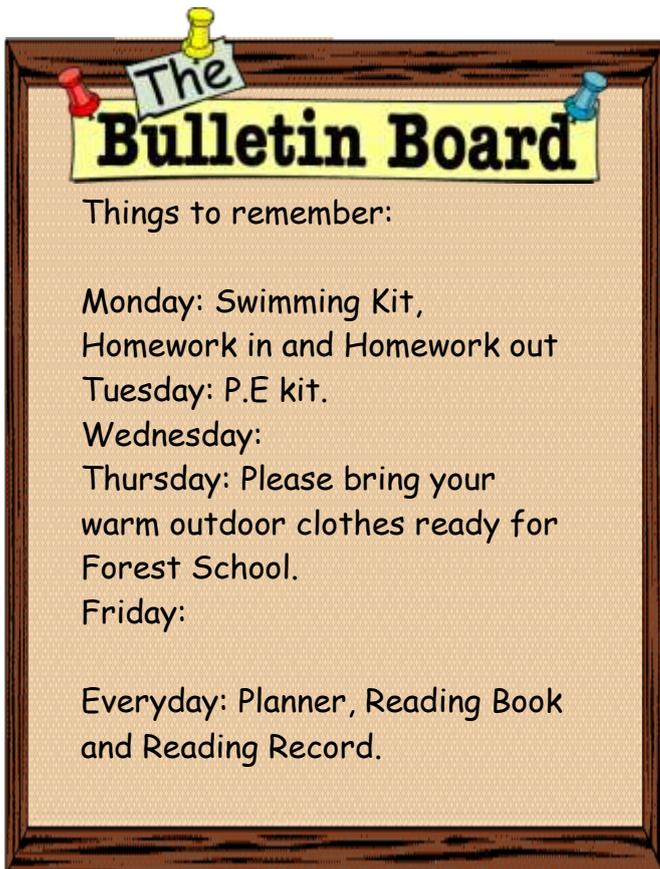
RE - We will be thinking about people and things that could inspire us in our everyday lives.

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.

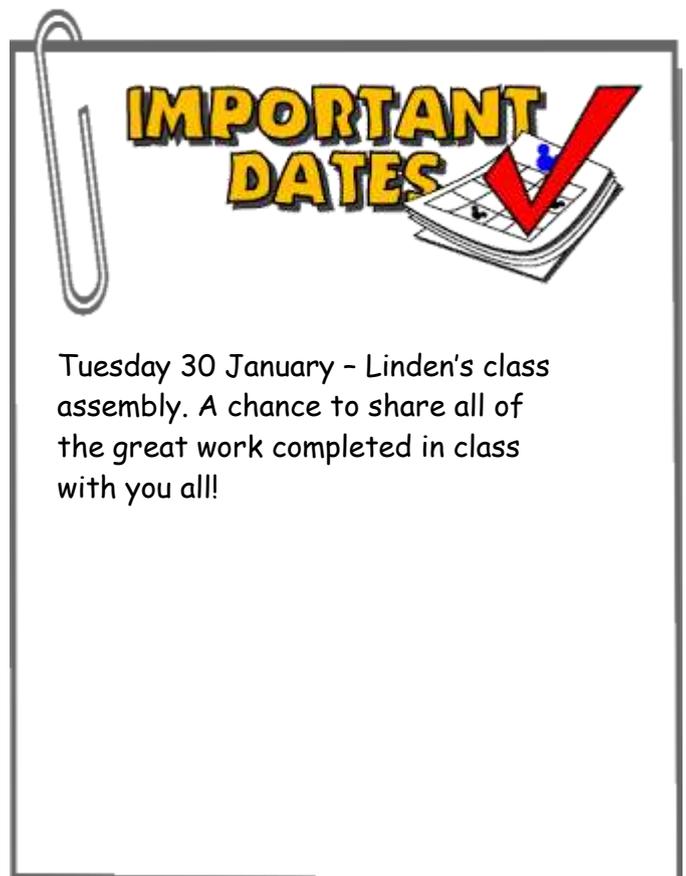


The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

Monday: Swimming Kit,
Homework in and Homework out
Tuesday: P.E kit.
Wednesday:
Thursday: Please bring your
warm outdoor clothes ready for
Forest School.
Friday:

Everyday: Planner, Reading Book
and Reading Record.



IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 30 January - Linden's class assembly. A chance to share all of the great work completed in class with you all!

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>

