



Dear students, parents and carers,
 Welcome back Year 4. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and managed to get your hands on some Easter eggs! I also hope our Muslim families are having a wonderful Ramadhan! We have some exciting things planned for this term and some information that we would like to share with you. Please do ask me if you would like to know anything more about what we are learning or doing this term. Here's to a wonderful spring term.

Have a great term back in school,
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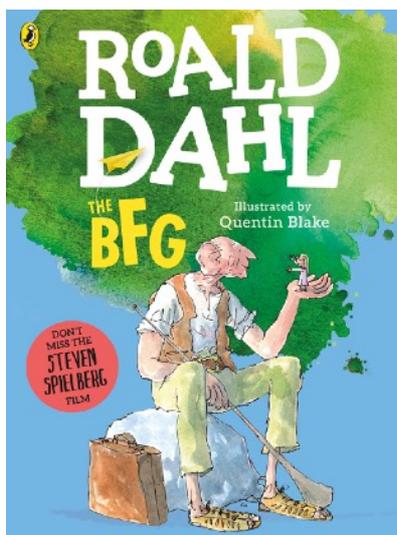
Theme: Burps, Bottoms and Bile

The theme for Year 4 this term is Burps, Bottoms and Bile. This topic will see students exploring our incredible digestive system, learning about the names and specialised functions of organs that play a role in our body.

<p>Burps, Bottoms & Bile</p>	<p>To know that the different parts of the digestive system work together to break down food.</p>	<p>To know how to keep the digestive system healthy.</p>	<p>To know what makes a healthy, balanced diet.</p>	<p>To know why we make poo and why we need to have good hand hygiene.</p>	<p>To know the names and jobs of different types of teeth.</p>	<p>To know how and why to keep teeth healthy and clean.</p>
<p>Key Vocabulary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abdomen Bile Beef Canine Colon Decay Dentist Digestion Dissolve Enamel Faeces Incorer Intestine Oesophagus Plaque Premolar Rectum Stomach 		<p>Healthy balanced diet</p> <p>Eating a healthy, balanced diet helps you get rid of solid waste more easily. Fibre in our diet is crucial to healthy digestions.</p> <p>Fibre is found in fruit and vegetables, whole-wheat breakfast cereal, granary bread, beans and lentils.</p> <p>Foods that contain a lot of fat, such as chips, burgers and fried foods are harder to digest and can cause stomach ache.</p>	<p>Types of teeth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incisors - sharp, flat edges for biting and cutting. Canines - sharp, pointed edges for ripping and tearing. Premolars - large, bumpy surfaces for crushing and grinding. Molars - large, bumpy surfaces for grinding. <p>Teeth health</p> <p>It is important to keep teeth healthy. We can do this by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning our teeth twice a day. Using a toothpaste that contains fluoride. Seeing the dentist every 6 months. Not eating too much sugary foods and drinks. 			
<p>Healthy Digestion</p> <p>The digestive system is affected by food and lifestyle. It is important to have a healthy digestive system to maintain good general health. Ways to keep your digestive system healthy include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Eating a balanced diet Drinking plenty of water Regular exercise Good toilet habits 	<p>Hand Hygiene</p> <p>It is important to have good hand hygiene, especially after using the toilet. Washing our hands with soap and water prevents the spread of germs.</p> <p>Soap kills bacteria and viruses that can cause illness. Drying hands thoroughly is also important because bacteria spread more easily on wet hands.</p>					

English

We will be continuing to look at narratives, including 'The BFG,' which is also our class book this term! Our choice of narratives and writing focus will help to incorporate aspects of our Science topic to ensure cross-curricular learning in our English lessons.



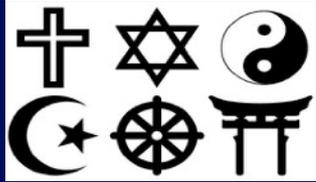
Maths

This term, we'll be continuing to look at Decimals and Money. Students will learn to compare and identify decimals and their equivalent fractions. Students will be completing their work using Showbie and Socrative apps on their iPads so it is REALLY IMPORTANT that iPads are brought in everyday and fully charged ready for our learning!



R.E. And PSHE/RSE

The theme for this term is Community. We will be discussing what it means to be a part of a community, the different kind of communities we belong to and answering key questions around global communities.



P.E.

The focus for Physical Education this summer term will be gymnastics. The aim will look to develop children's ability to manipulate their body and see the benefits of maintaining athleticism and flexibility.

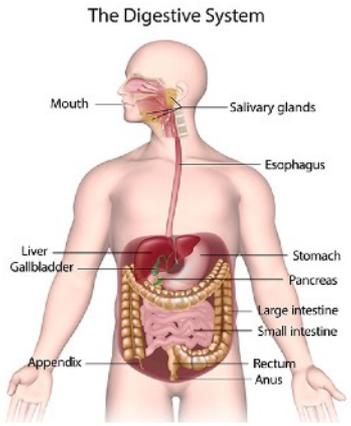


Art and Design

Students will be diving into the wonderful world of art this term! Students will continue learning to make use of primary and secondary colours in line with our Burps, Bottoms and Bile topic. Students will also continue to develop their skills, including use of toning and shading to better illustrate their artistic prowess.

Science

This term, students will learn all about the digestive system, exploring the subtle, and not so subtle, organs that play a vital role in our body. Students will have the opportunity to observe and immerse themselves in an investigation looking at the movements of food throughout our body!



Homework

A new *Burps, Bottoms and Bile* Homework Grid will go out to our Year 4 students. This grid will consist of a range of activities across the curriculum subjects and students can choose which activity to complete each week from any of the different categories. There are 9 pieces of homework in total, which gives children a choice to complete more than one per week. Children are still encouraged to make use of SumDog and Times Table Rockstars. Like last term, homework books need to be in on MONDAYS and will be given back out marked on Wednesdays.

Every day, children should:

- read their reading book for AT LEAST 10 minutes a day
- Practice spellings
- Complete a minimum of one piece of homework per week.

Dates for Summer 1

Date TBC	Year 4 School Trip
Monday 2nd May Bank Holiday - school closed	
Thursday 5th May Polling Day - school closed	
INSET DAY for staff	
Fri 27th May	Golden Jubilee Celebration - see the weekly newsletter for more details
	Last day of this term - 3.30pm finish
Mon 6th June	Back to school - Term 6