

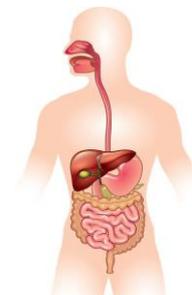


Dragon Class Newsletter

Summer 2022

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter. This term, our new topic is 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile', where the pupils will be learning about the digestive system and 'the water cycle'. As always, we shall be taking a cross-curricular approach to our learning and explore our topic through Literacy, History, Geography, Art, DT and Science.

Homework:



To avoid any cross-contamination, all homework will be set online this term.

The children will have three pieces of homework each week which will be found on PurpleMash:

- Weekly spellings
- A piece of work which will consolidate learning from class
- Weekly times table practise

Homework in Dragon Class is set on a Monday, to be handed in the following Monday. It is important that homework is completed and handed in on time and finished to the same high standards that we expect of work in school time. Please let me know if you have any problems accessing the work.

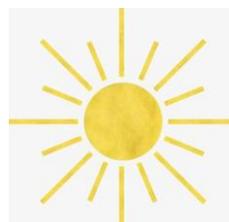
We know that many children enjoy the creative homework which was sent out via Synergy, so pupils may, if they wish, complete an optional creative task at home.



Snacks:

Please provide a fruit-based snack for your child to have at break times as children in KS2 no longer fall under the 'School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme'.

Safety in the sun: As we reach the summer months, please ensure that children have a water bottle and sun hat in school at all times.



Reading:

Within school, your child is involved in a number of reading activities, including daily Guided Reading or phonics sessions.



Pupils should continue to read regularly at home, at least 3 times a week, choosing from a wide range of texts. If children choose to read independently, please keep an eye on this at home and encourage discussion with your child about what they have read.

Please record all reading, whether independent or with you, in the children's Reading Records. If your child has read at least 3 times in one week, they will receive a star sticker in their Reading Record, which will contribute towards a whole class target.

We will be changing books on a Friday. Children will receive a book as well as a library book for them to share at home.

 <h3>Maths</h3> <p>During the Summer term, pupils will be interpreting and presenting discrete and continuous data. They will use the 'grid method' to multiply 3-digit numbers, as well as developing their knowledge of amounts of fractions. Children will continue to build their mathematical problem solving skills through our Big Maths lessons and their times table facts through MultiStars.</p>	 <h3>Literacy</h3> <p>In Literacy, children will be studying the novel 'The Demon Dentist'. They will use this as a stimulus to create their own character description and narrative. The children will be focusing on different sentence structures and use of vocabulary. Pupils will continue work on developing a consistent, joined handwriting, paying particular attention to correctly sizing letters.</p>
 <h3>Science</h3> <p>In Science, the children will be investigating the digestive system; finding out about the different organs and their functions. They will also learn about States of Matter in the next half term. Through our science lessons children will be measuring, evaluating and predicting.</p>	 <h3>Computing</h3> <p>This term the children will be learning about Digital Literacy. They will learn about computer networks and design and create a blog linked to our DT topic.</p>
 <h3>Spanish</h3> <p>Dragon Class will continue Spanish lessons this year. These will be taught every fortnight by Senora Rossier on Wednesday mornings. This term they will be reviewing the days of the week and colours. In addition, they will be learning about food and drink, through the story of 'The Hungry Catapliar'.</p>	 <h3>RE</h3> <p>During RE, children will be exploring the questions 'What is right/wrong?' and 'Why is the bible so important for Christians today?' focusing on Christianity. They will express ideas about right and wrong, as well as understanding what temptation is.</p>

 <p style="text-align: center;">Music</p> <p>Children will explore how to improvise and compose music, implementing previous knowledge gained from last term. They will also begin to develop an understanding of the history of music, comparing a range of pieces from different eras.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p>  <p>Pupils will be learning about the physical geography of coasts and rivers. They will explore the process of erosion and follow a water droplet through its journey from the mouth to the estuary. In addition, pupils will also explore the water cycle and create their own.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p>On a Tuesday afternoon, pupils will be taught PE by the Secondary Phase. They will be refining their communication skills and teamwork, applying them to a range of games. In the first half term, Dragon Class are lucky to have a specialist tennis coach for 4 weeks.</p> <p>Pupils will need to wear their PE kits to school on Tuesday instead of their normal school uniform. We will endeavour to have these lessons outside as much as possible so please ensure that children have jogging bottoms and trainers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Art and DT</p>  <p>Dragon Class will be developing their knowledge of healthy foods in DT. They will be doing some cross-curricular learning with Spanish and create their own paella dish. They will begin to understand seasonality, use different cooking techniques and with adult support, use a hob.</p>

We are looking forward to helping your children continue this exciting learning journey. We would like to thank you in advance for your support you provide, it makes a massive difference. If you have any questions or queries throughout this term, please feel free to email the class email or to make an appointment to speak to us.

Miss Jeffries and Miss Dale