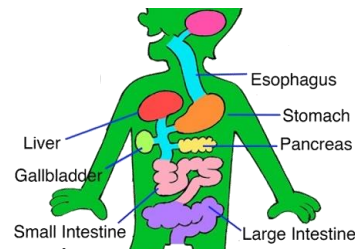




Akrotiri School

Y4

Spring Term 2nd Half 2017 - Information Guide



Our learning this term

Burps, bottoms and bile.

English – Our focus this half term will be on explanation texts linked to our work in science. We will identify features and write our explanation texts.

Maths – We will be learning about measures and money and we will continue to develop our problem solving skills.

Science – This half term we will be investigating teeth and digestion. We will learn about different types of teeth and the jobs they do. We will then compare human teeth with the teeth of other animals. With digestion, we will learn about the parts of the digestive system and what job each part does.

Other subjects – Our art and design work will focus on colour mixing and we will create our own versions of the work of an artist, utilising our newly acquired skills.

PSHE - Our School Value this term is teamwork. We will learn about the importance of teams and what role each member takes.

Computing – E-safety and coding- using repetition and variables.

ENRICHMENT

We have celebrated Green Monday with a whole school celebration of Greek traditions- both ancient and modern. We investigated an ancient Greek legend and took part in a range of activities- from rapping, to drama and retelling the story to creating our own mythical beast.

HOMEWORK:

A new homework sheet will be sent home with a variety of tasks and different levels of challenge. Homework books should be brought into school on a weekly basis when completed. If you choose to work on a bigger project over a few weeks please send it in when it is finished.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

Please support your child with their homework and encourage them to aim high and produce neat work of a good standard. Please also read with / listen to your child reading regularly (at least 1 hour a week) and comment and sign in the reading diary. Remember to question them about what they have read and make it a pleasurable experience.

As we will be teaching time, please take every opportunity to reinforce both analogue and digital time telling as children can find this very tricky.

READING

It is important that your child's reading book and reading record comes into school **every day**. They will work with an adult to improve their reading skills at least once a week through individual / guided / shared reading sessions and in other lessons. Please remember to read with your child for at least 1 hour per week and sign the reading record book.

Our focus text this half term is on author's use of language and the effect of different vocabulary.

SPELLING: A spelling list will be sent home each Thursday and tested the following week. The whole school spelling improvement 'drive' continues and we ask that you support your child at home also (to promote the importance of accurate spelling.)

It is essential that the children bring their home spelling logs to schools each Thursday.

USEFUL INFORMATION

PE:

Miss Kirby - Tuesday and Friday
Mrs Cotter – Thursday and Friday
Ms Keoghan – Monday and Wednesday

French: Lessons will recommence this half-term with both the class teachers and Mrs Underwood.

MENTAL MATHS FOCUS

In class we are still focussing on a weekly maths mountain times table challenge and ask that you encourage your child to practice at home to build confidence, resilience and speed.