



Shakespeare Primary School

Year 4 Newsletter Autumn Term 2021

Don't Forget...

- Please continue to encourage your children to use their Read and Respond Book to complete homework, learn spellings and read four times a week.
- Lots of our exciting moments are tweeted. Follow us at @shakespearels9
- The school website has an E-safety section with a comprehensive list of ideas of how to keep your child safe on the internet. Please take a look.

Important Dates

- We break up for the Christmas holiday at 3pm on Friday 17th December
- School photo day- Thursday 4th November
- 15th November Odd Socks day in celebration of anti-bullying week
- 19th November £1 non-uniform day for Children in Need
- Swimming on a Tuesday for all children in 4D and half of the children in 4B from Tuesday 2nd November onwards
- PE Days
4B Wednesday 4D Thursday 4R Thursday and Friday

Our Learning Project for Autumn 2 is...

Burps, Bottoms and Bile

What happens to the food we eat?

Open wide – let's take a look inside. We're on a voyage of discovery to investigate the busy world inside your body. Do you have a toothy grin or a winning smile? Take dental impressions and test the effects of sugary substances on your pearly whites. Follow a tasty morsel as it makes its way through your digestive system, helped by some mouth-watering saliva. And don't forget the importance of good hygiene at both ends. And whilst we're talking business, could you recognise an animal just by its poo? Are you brave enough to take the challenge? Make a working model of the digestive system and use it to persuade others to eat healthily. Learn how to look after this marvellous belching, squelching, mixture making machine we call our body.

Our learning this half term will be based around Science and the digestive systems in humans and animals. The children will be discovering what a busy place their bodies are! We are learning about how we can look after our teeth, beginning with a visit from a local dentist to model to show us why oral health is so important. In DT, children will be using their sewing skills to create games inspired by the Human Digestive system. As part of this project, we will be asking children to dig through their drawers and bring in any old, unwanted items of clothing that we can look at closely to learn about effective stitching patterns and then cut up to use as fabrics in their handmade game. Please send in any unwanted items of clothing to your child's class teacher. In English, we are focusing on story writing, inspired by our class novel *The Great Food Bank Heist* by Onjali Rauf, and explanation texts linked to the digestive system.

Maths

- Addition and subtraction of up to 4 digit numbers
- Times table facts up to 12 x 12

Other Areas of Learning

- PE - Swimming and Gymnastics
- PSHE – Democracy and the positive and negative impacts of life changes on emotional wellbeing