

Autumn 1 in Hedgehog Class

Blood Bones and Body Bits

Our first topic of the year will focus on the **Human Body**. Our topic will develop Scientific knowledge and understanding, with a particular focus on understanding the role of our skeleton; 'teeth & healthy eating' and 'the digestive system. Our related work in RSHE will focus on different ways to keep healthy including looking at balanced diets, the importance of exercise and sleep together with dental health. We will have a visit from a dentist to help us learn more about the function and care for our teeth.

In English, we will start by reading Interview with a tiger and thinking about questions and answers and carrying out interviews with an animal to develop oracy skills. We will then look at the style, structure and organisation of information texts. The children will be learning to skim and scan for facts, ask questions and develop skills for researching and sharing their comprehension of texts. They will create a non-chronological report about the skeleton, muscles and joint. In computing, they will be creating persuasive leaflets about tooth care for children visiting a dentist.

Maths will initially have a focus on Place Value and understanding the number system. We will then move onto addition and subtraction. There will be ongoing reinforcement of concepts covered in their previous year to consolidate understanding, moving onto deepen understanding through use of practical equipment and problem solving activities.

In art, the children will be looking at how different artists portray faces and draw portraits in different styles. They will also make a moving model of a hand. In French, we will learn simple greetings and vocabulary related to parts of the body.

In our Listen to Me lessons, the children will be learning to play the African drums.

During our RE sessions, we will read the Old Testament stories of Noah and Abraham. The children will be exploring the theme of obedience and making links between the promises made in the stories and how we live in school and the wider world. Our PE lessons will focus on developing skills for playing football. Our class will also be swimming this term, more information to follow soon.

How you can help at home

Please encourage your child to read daily. All children can read books selected at school or those from home. Some children will also be given a Little Wandle scheme book which will be changed weekly and a reading record to record what has been read. A visit to your local library to find a non-fiction book about our topic would also be very helpful. For less confident readers, daily reading will make a big difference to progress. For competent readers, discuss the content of books read at home.

In our class, it is important that the children work on the speed and efficiency of times table knowledge. Starting soon, there will be a weekly tables test on a Tuesday. We will continue to send home weekly spelling sentences to practise. Words will be tested each Friday.

The first homework grid is on the reverse of this letter. If there is anything you need to know about homework tasks, please ask me at the end of the day.

Thank you, in anticipation of all your help and support at home.