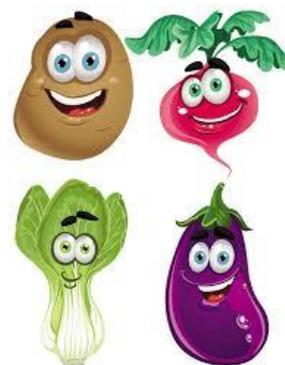


Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after the Christmas break!

We'll be setting off on a fantastic learning journey this term as we explore **our new topic 'The Munch Bunch'**!

We'll be finding out about how our amazing bodies work and how we can best take care of them. We'll be learning about different foods and where they come from. We'll be looking at the differences between hospitals in the past and those of today (and finding out some rather surprising facts along the way!).



Homework will be given out on Thursdays and needs to be **handed in on the following Tuesday morning**. We'll be continuing with weekly maths tests, but will be starting a new system of learning spellings at home with a test every half term instead of every week. More details to follow!

PE will still be on a **Thursday afternoon**.

| Main Activities/Outcomes | How you can help at home/useful information |
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| <u>English</u> We'll be writing a traditional tale based on the 'Stone Soup' Story. We'll write a persuasive letter to encourage a fictional character to eat healthily/exercise regularly. We'll have a go at creating 'Funny Food' poems! We'll be working hard to improve our reading comprehension skills! | As we'll be writing a letter, encourage your child to look at the format of some of the letters you receive at home. Read lots of traditional tales with your child. How are they similar. How are they different? Work on the spellings you are given for the half term. Can your child improve their score? |
| <u>Maths</u> Much of our maths will relate to food! As well as continuing to practise our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills, we'll be doing lots of weighing/measuring of food items and taking part in shopping activities. | Encourage your child to use their maths skills in everyday life. Get your child used to handling money and buying items/calculating change. Do activities such as baking where you need to weigh/measure. Keep learning the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables! |
| <u>Science</u> We'll be learning about ways to keep healthy. We'll be linking our food-focus to studies on how plants grow and what they need in order to survive. | Talk about why it's important to eat a balanced diet and why we need exercise. Have a go at growing some plants or give your child some responsibility for looking after an existing plant. |
| <u>History & Geography</u> We'll be studying the countries of the UK and their capital cities, plus the UK seas. We'll be thinking about foods that are produced both in the UK and abroad. We'll learn about important historical figures in medicine such as Florence Nightingale. | Look at the packaging of some of your foods to find where they were produced. Find the places on a world map. How much of what we buy comes from the UK? Why/why not? Encourage your child to look at maps and atlases. Can they find our area? |
| <u>Art/DT</u> We'll be looking at the work of two artists – Arcimboldo and Giacometti. We'll be doing some healthy cooking! | What can you find out about the artists? What healthy foods could you cook with your child at home? |

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| <u>ICT</u> We'll be making our own PowerPoint presentations and doing some basic coding. | Encourage your child to use PowerPoint at home. |
| <u>RE/PSHE</u> We'll be thinking about how to have healthy minds, as well as bodies. We'll be visiting a church/cathedral in the lead-up to Easter. We'll be looking at some stories with religious significance. | Encourage your child to talk about their feelings, hopes and dreams. Can they also consider how other people are feeling? |
| <u>PE</u> We'll be doing some dance/movement sessions based on 'British Folk Dances'. We'll be working on improving our own fitness levels, too. | Does your child know why exercise is important? What exercise do they like to do the most? Why? |
| <u>Music</u> We'll be starting basic recorder lessons. | No need to buy a recorder – we have them in school (sterilised ready!). |

We'll be continuing with the **Class Dojo System** – the children really enjoy this and find it very motivating! Don't forget you can check how they're doing by logging in at home!

Thank you for all your much valued support,

Mrs Stubbs, Mrs Britton, Mrs El-Safty and Mrs Bateson

