## Year 4, Term 5 – (Incr)edible?

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely, relaxing Easter holiday. For the next term, we will have an English and scientific focus to our topic, '(Incr)edible?'. In science, we will be:-

- Identifying the different types of teeth in humans and other animals.
- Looking at the structure and functions of teeth and how to look after them.
- Describing the functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.
- Learning about our responsibility to look after our bodies and the impact of a healthy diet, hygiene and exercise .

Our English will be topic-related and will include performing and writing poetry, writing explanation texts and responding to our text stimuli through different genres. In all written activities, we will encourage the children to do the following:-

- a) Careful proof reading of their own writing to check for spelling and punctuation errors.
- b) Editing to improve the content of their sentences with a particular focus on the application of Year 4 grammar learning.
- c) Neat, joined handwriting.



In maths, we will be exploring shapes, angles and coordinates; investigating perimeter and area of 2D shapes; spending some time using different graphs to answer questions and delving back into decimals and fractions. Please do also continue to practise the times-tables at home as they are so very important!

## Independence

In line with our whole school focus on independence, we will be expecting the children to bring their signed key words books in each Wednesday. We will also have regular independent reading sessions so the children need to bring in their reading books **daily**.

We would be grateful if you could support this by:-

- Reminding your child to bring his/her spelling booklet home before each weekend.
- Reminding your child to regularly read and change their book at school, ideally experimenting with a range of different styles and genres.
- remind children to practise their times tables regularly.

## <u> PE</u>

PE will continue to take place on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Please check your child has shorts and a T –shirt (and maybe a hat) for warmer weather and that their trainers still fit them. Please do also help them to ensure they always have the appropriate kit in school. In PSHEE lessons, we will be exploring how we can & should take responsibility for our actions and at how the body changes at this point in their life. These sessions will be led by Shella Robinson (Child and Family Support Worker) and will include:

•A discussion about our body parts generally, including using the terms 'penis' and 'vagina' •Advice about personal hygiene becoming more important as they progress towards puberty and a demonstration as to how to wash effectively, including being shown deodorant.

If you have any questions regarding this unit, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

## Future dates

4<sup>th</sup> May – Mufti Day 7<sup>th</sup> May – May Fayre 25<sup>th</sup> May - End of term.

Mr Hardwick and Mrs Rutt

