

# Year 4 Newsletter

## Learning Challenge: Our Wonderful Bodies: Why are they so amazing?

Dear parents

After a well-deserved Easter holiday break with your children, I would like to welcome you to another fulfilled and exciting term. My name is Mrs Tullonge and I will be your child's teacher for the rest of the academic year.

Throughout the term, we will be learning some very interesting things in all subject areas. Please encourage your child to read and carry out research on the different topics that will be covered. Assist them by ensuring they go to the library at a time convenient to you, this will help a great deal in their learning. I am looking forward to helping the children achieve their full potential so if there is anything that you would like to know, how you can assist your children do not hesitate to come and see me. Many thanks.

Mrs Tullonge

### Special Notices

Please ensure your child is at school at 8:55am in the correct school uniform. Lessons begin at 9am and children who are regularly coming in late are missing essential learning every day.

**Values:**

**April:** Unity

**May:** Happiness



*Learning to love, loving to learn.*

**Summer 1 2019**

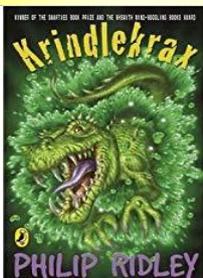
Class Teacher: Mrs Tullonge  
TA: Miss Jeannet

### Ways to help your child at home:

- Discuss with your child the things that they have learned each day.
- Ensure all homework is completed and handed in on time.
- Encourage your child to read for at least 20 mins a day.
- Encourage your child to use Reading Eggs and Easimaths online.
- Read and discuss together the "Wednesday Word" every week.

### Learning Challenge

In this learning challenge we will investigate questions like 'What is the human digestive system like? How do our different types of teeth breakdown our food and prepare it for our digestive system? What is a food chain? Who eats who? What is a healthy diet and how does this maintain a healthy body?' And 'How have past medical achievement helped to protect our bodies from disease?'



### **May is the month of Mary**

Children are encouraged to bring their Rosary beads into school, as a decade of the Rosary will be prayed everyday during the month of May, starting with the Joyful Mysteries.

### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May- Learning Challenge homework due

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Open School Learning Challenge event @ 3:30

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Yr 4 Royal Festival Hall Trumpet Concert

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, Yr4 class assembly

### **The 'Million Word Gap' – the importance of a bedtime story or 5!**

Did you know, young children whose parents read them 5 books a day at home enter school with **1.4 million MORE words** than children who have not been read to. This inevitably plays a large role in both vocabulary and reading development. Children who are read to at home are likely to pick up reading skills more quickly and easily.

The number of words child could hear by the time they are 5:

Never read to: 4,662 words

1-2 times a week: 63,570 words 5+ books a day: 1, 483,300 words

3-5 times a week: 169, 520 words

5+ books a day: 1, 483,300 words

Imagine the difference by the end of primary school at age 11.

For more info: <https://news.osu.edu/a-million-word-gap-for-children-who-arent-read-to-at-home/>