

# Four Lanes Community Junior School

Year 3 Curriculum News

Autumn 1 2023



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The Year 3 team would like to send a very warm welcome to all of our Year 3 families. We have had a fantastic start to the term already and have been so impressed with the respect, resilience and creativity that we have seen so far. The children are already settling in to all of the new routines and systems in the Junior School and have done a brilliant job of navigating their new environment. We are really excited about the year ahead and are very much looking forward to being a part of their learning journey.

Pupils and staff alike are really enjoying the use of the Class Dojos and there is much excitement building already as to what rewards will be chosen! Please do ask if you have any trouble in getting onto the app which allows you access to your child's dojo account from home. We are working hard on our PSHE learning during our first two weeks of term which is focusing on our sense of belonging to the school community and developing a strong understanding of our school values. During this first half term there will be opportunities for you to learn more about what your child is up to in Year 3. We are very much looking forward to working in partnership with you over the year. Please come and say hello if you have not yet had a chance to!

## Main topics and learning this half term:

Science

Geography

Art

**This half term our main topic area is 'Local Area Explorers':**

**During this Geography topic, we will be learning about:**

- The human and physical geography of our area
- Where our school is within the wider community
- Our sense of belonging to our area

**Our topic will link to lots of other areas of the curriculum:**

- In Art, we will be looking at painting and sketching in the local area.
- In Science We are investigating Animals Skeletons and Movement.
- In English. We will be learning the poem The Flying Machine, from this we will design our own machines and then innovate our own poems.



The children will have their first library visit soon where they will be able to select a book to read from their book band. Please be aware that some of our book banding colours are different from the infants. We have all of the information from the infants to help us ensure that your child is accessing books on the relevant level which we will be checking as we hear them read in class.



**STOP PRESS!! Parents are allowed back into school to help!!!! If you have skills that are useful in school or can hear readers, please step forward!**

### How you can support your child's learning at home:

- Reading is fundamental to your child's further learning so please listen to your child read on a regular basis regardless of their ability. Reading recorded in link books will be rewarded with Dojo Points!
- Constant revision of multiplication and division facts will always be useful. This term we are focussing on 2, 5 and 10 x tables. We will inform you when logins for Times Table Rock Stars are up and running.
- Please record any activities that your child undertakes in their Home-link Book.

### Homework

Homework takes the form of learning conversations. You will find a topic of conversation related to your child's learning in their home-link book for each day of the week. We would love to hear how your conversations have gone so please make a note in the comments section in the home-link book. We hope that these conversation topics will help you to feel more engaged with the learning that is happening in school. Spellings and times tables will be sent home each week in the home link-book.

### A few reminders:

- **PE will take place on Monday and Friday mornings this half term. Please remember the children will come changed for PE and remain in their kit all day.**
- Our School Library time is on a Thursday afternoon. This is the children's chance to change their library books so please help us by reminding the children to bring their books back. If they have finished their reading book before their designated library time please let us know and we can arrange for them to exchange it for a new one.
- Spellings are sent home on Fridays and tested on the following Friday. Times tables are also tested on a Friday.
- Home link books must be in school every day please.
- Please do come and see us with any questions, queries or comments. We are available at the door every day. ☺