



Four Lanes Community Junior School

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1 2023

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We would like to welcome you all to your first term of Year 6!

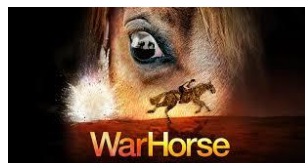
The children have quickly settled back into school life and are working hard on being role models to the rest of the school. So far we have been reminding ourselves of the school values and expectations and we are beginning to think about how they can transfer these to the responsibilities that are available to them as Year 6 pupils. We look forward to seeing them taking on the responsibility of improving our school environment together. We are still using our new awards system, Dojo and we are very excited to see who can get the most! We have had a great start to our year together and can't wait to see our children shine!

In history this year, we are starting our learning by looking at World War 1. We will look at the impact of war and the cause and consequences that this has. We will be looking at the death of Franz Ferdinand and how this singular event changed the course of history. We will also look at using sources to guide our investigations and how historical bias can change our viewpoints. In addition, we will be comparing life during WW1 and life now. This will set us up with the background knowledge to lead the Remembrance assembly on 11th November.

In Science, we will be learning about light: how it travels, what happens if the straight line is broken. We will also be looking at reflection and refraction. Within this, we will be using our working scientifically knowledge and carrying out investigations using the scientific method.

Maths learning will start with a recap of place value and move our knowledge on to the value of digits within larger numbers. We will then cover Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division with problem-solving and answering questions where the children will need to find more than one answer in order to solve the problem. The children are developing their recall of multiplication and division tables up to 12 x 12 - keeping up the practice is key!

In reading, we will be looking at War Horse to link in with our history unit. We will be using the skills predicting and retrieval to best understand the text. We will then link this to our writing later on in the term.



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

- Reading remains fundamental to your child's further learning so please listen to your child on a regular basis regardless of their ability.
- Constant revision of multiplication and division facts will always be useful. Your child's Times Table Rock Stars and My Maths login details will be stuck into their Home-Link Books. Please encourage them to access these websites.
- Please record any activities that your child undertakes in their Home-Link Book.

Homework

Homework will be set weekly on a Friday for return on the following Wednesday. This half term Maths and English homework activities will be set on alternate weeks, starting with Maths. Please encourage your children to work as independently as possible so that they have the opportunity to apply their school learning to home tasks.

Spellings will be sent on the weekly homework letter and Spelling Shed will be used to help the children work on these at home.

A few reminders:

- **Please provide a healthy morning snack (fresh fruit or vegetables or pure dried fruit only) (not the wingers or pieces as these have added sugar) and a named, clear water bottle** for your child to help them maintain their energy levels until lunch.
- **PE Days will be:**
- **6RT – Tuesdays and Thursdays**
- **6RS & 6CS – Wednesdays and Thursdays**
- Our School Library slot is on a Monday afternoon every week. If you have any outstanding library books at home please remind your child to return these so that they are able to take out new books.
- It would be fantastic to have volunteers to help listen to readers. If you have any amount of time to spare then please contact your child's teacher to offer your services; it would be greatly appreciated!
- Reading books and home link books must be in school every day please.