

# Four Lanes Community Junior School



## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1 2023

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We would like to welcome you all to the first half term of Year 5! As teachers, we have planned an exciting and challenging year of learning, which we are all looking forward to. We hope that everyone feels settled into the Upper School routines, are ready to enjoy the new experiences and challenges our busy term ahead will bring! We have already hit the ground running and have had a very busy week embedding our school rules and values and presenting these in some exceptionally creative ways. 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 brilliant start to the year so far and are looking forward to seeing our children blossom!

### Main topics and learning this term:

**Topic (History): Britain since 1948**

**Science: Fossils**

As part of being in the upper school and the most responsible members of our school community, the children will develop their understanding of the Rights, Respects and Responsibilities they have. We will look carefully at RESPECT and how we can live and learn together as a community under the UN's Convention on the Rights of the Child. We are committed to ensuring all children continue to feel safe and happy in the school environment.

In our History, we will be looking at life in Britain post 1948 and delving into comparisons of life now and then. Our Reading sessions will be solely focused around 'street child' where we hope to be able to make even more comparisons between different periods of time. Please keep an eye out for our 'persuasive' writing unit, which we hope will be a real hit!

In our Science lessons we will begin by classifying geological time before moving on to understand how fossils are created in more detail.

Phase 1 of our Maths learning will cover: Place Value, with numbers up to six digits; Addition; Subtraction; Multiplication and Division; using problem-solving throughout. The aim of this learning is to give each child an ability to be flexible in the strategies they use. This is because the children will now need to find more than one answer in order to solve a problem. The children will also be developing their rapid recall of multiplication and division tables up to 12 x 12 - keeping up the practice is key!

#### 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 and record each session of reading in their home-link book.
- Constant revision of multiplication and division facts will always be useful
- Please record any worries or concerns that your child may have in their Home-link Book or message your child's class teacher on dojo so we can support your child as best as possible.

#### Homework

This is 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 look out for this and encourage your children to work effectively, carefully but as independently as possible. Where they have received any guidance from you, please note this in the book to enable us to support them further in school. Spellings will be recorded in Home Link books.



#### A few reminders:

- **Please provide a healthy morning snack (fresh fruit or vegetables or pure dried fruit only and a named, clear water bottle** for your child to help them maintain their energy levels until lunch.
- **PE Days will be:**
- **5RJ – Tuesdays and Wednesdays**
- **5PW & 5MB – Monday and Wednesdays**
- Our School Library slot is on a Tuesday 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.