



Four Lanes Community Junior School

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

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The children have made a wonderful start to the second half of the Autumn term. Year 4 have really enjoyed the variety of learning opportunities they have had about The Anglo-Saxons and we are now looking forward to finding out about The British Isles! We are researching the different aspects of The United Kingdom and testing the children's prior knowledge from Year 3.



Main topics and learning this term:

The British Isles

Digestion



Our last English unit was looking at creating non-chronological reports about mythical creatures! The children really enjoyed exploring this genre and demonstrated some fantastic writing skills – we certainly have some writing stars in the making! We will be moving on to exploring narratives and will be exploring 'Oliver Twist' in order for the children to write their 'meeting tales' with their own characters.

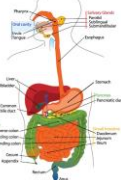
We are focusing on multiplication and division this term and have been providing the children with multiple ways to do this. Year 4 are having a big push on times tables' knowledge this half term so please help your child with learning them as much as possible at home. This learning is crucial in maths, particularly when we visit multiplication and division work. This will also prepare them for **The Year 4 National Times Tables Check** will take place in May.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100



This term, the children are building on their knowledge from Year 3 and are focusing on learning more about The British Isles. We will be exploring the countries, towns and cities further and learning more about them in detail. The children will learn more about the oceans and rivers that surround and run through The UK and will have in depth discussions with their learning partners about this.


In Science, we will be moving on to learning about Digestion. The children will learn about how the body breaks down food and will understand the purpose of this. They will also learn about the organs in the digestive system and will be able to explain each of their particular jobs. They will also learn about other organs such as the liver and pancreas and will learn the role they play in digestion by producing chemicals that help to break down food.



In Art, the children will be looking closely at the work of Michael Craig Martin and reproducing some of his work. The children will be analysing the skills and materials he uses to create his bold, bright pieces of art. They will learn the skill of printing, using cardboard and string.

Our Music unit will be looking at 'Rock 'n' Roll' and the children will explore different songs from The 50s.

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

- Reading remains fundamental to your child's further learning, so please ensure your child is reading at home every day. They can earn Dojo points for Reading at Home! 
- Constant revision of multiplication and division facts will be key as we work towards our Times Tables Check (more information to come). TTRockstars – Soundcheck is great for practise.
- Please record any learning activities that your child undertakes in their Home-link Book and/or Homework Book and ensure these are in school each day.

Homework:

This year the children's main curriculum homework will continue to take the form of Learning Conversations which will be stuck in their Homework Books. They will then need to complete any tasks in these books. Reading and TTRS should still be recorded in Home Link books.

This allows each child to consolidate their understanding. Every week the Year 4 team will select areas from the week's learning that we would like your child to share and discuss with you.

A few reminders:

- **PE will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays this term.** Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days.
- Our School Library time is on a Friday afternoon.
- Please keep an eye on Class Dojo to keep track of how many Dojo points your child has received!

