

Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2 2023

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With the half term break already feeling like a long time away, I'm sure the festive period will soon be upon us! Throughout Autumn 2 in Year 5, children will be exploring space and we are already very excited for the mobile planetarium to visit us where we will delve into the universe to see if we are really alone! Our Geography topic this half term is all based around India and once again, we have been lucky to secure a fantastic visit for the children where they will each get to make their very own diya oil lamp and even join in with a traditional Indian dancing session! Towards the end of the half term, we will be busy preparing a mini Year 5 Christmas celebration for you; we hope you will be able to join us. Finally, thank you for all the parents who attended the first parents evening of the year – it was lovely to meet you and be able to share your child's successes so far this academic year.

Main topics and learning this term:

Topic (Geography): India

Science: Space

Our children really enjoyed our class reader 'Street Child' last half term and have been busy preparing persuasive letters and posters, which they will soon be bringing home (please keep an eye out for these – the children have worked incredibly hard to persuade you!).



In Guided Reading this half term, we will start by looking at 'The cosmic diary of our incredible universe' by Tim Peake and children will have the opportunity to even send a space themed haiku to him following our poetry writing unit! We will then move on to 'Phoneix' which was a great hit last year!

The next phase of our Maths learning will cover multiplication and division and fractions; being able to identify whether fractions are equivalent, looking at how to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions and adding and subtracting fractions where the denominators need to be changed. We will continue to use problem-solving throughout to ensure the children are able to apply their learning skills to different contextual questions, knowing which strategies to draw upon.

In PSHE, we will focus on 'Valuing differences' where we will also be covering LEANS units. This pays close attention to neuro-diversity and what this looks like within the classroom. It helps children to understand the difference between equality and equity – something which we believe is paramount in our ever-changing world!

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.



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: Monday and Wednesdays.** However, due to the busy half term, please keep an eye on dojo as there will be a few day changes to allow for other events which have been planned.
- 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.