

Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 6 Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter 2023

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We hope you had a lovely half-term break. We are looking forward to another half term jam-packed with learning and we can not wait to see all the wonderful work the children are going to produce.

The Year 6 teaching team are impressed with how the Year 6 pupils have already matured into their roles at the 'top of the school'. We have been especially impressed by the fantastic resilience they have shown in everything they have done so far!

Main topics and learning this term:

Volcanoes

Classification and Evolution

This term we will be looking at volcanoes. We will be learning to locate the world's countries concentrating on Africa. We will look at how volcanoes affects the communities around them as well as how a volcano erupts. We will look at two key volcanoes: Nyiragongo and Vesuvius.

In science, we will be looking at classification and evolution. We will look at Darwin's theory of evolution and how this contrasts to earlier theories. We will be working scientifically by observing and raising questions about how animals and other living things have adapted to suit their environment as well as analysing the advantages and disadvantages of specific adaptation.

In our Reading sessions, we are looking at No Ballet Shoes in Syria. We are using our skills of predicting, summarising, inferencing and retrieval to better understand the text. In writing, we will be re-writing an extract from War Horse in the form of a diary entry from one of the human character's perspectives as well as science report based on our science learning.

Maths learning this half term will cover Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. We will also be looking at how to apply these to solving problems. The children are increasing the speed of their 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.
- Constant revision of multiplication and division facts is really important. 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 continue to be set weekly on a Friday for return on the following Wednesday. Maths and English homework activities will be set on alternate weeks. 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.

Times Table Rockstars is part of your child's homework, please ensure they are logging on each week.

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.
- **P.E. will take place on the following days:**
6CS & 6RS – Mondays & Thursdays
6RT – Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Our School Library slot is on a Monday every week.
- Reading books and home link books must be in school every day please.
- Please ensure that your child has appropriate school shoes and coats each day.