

# Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

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Happy New Year! We hope you all had a relaxing break. We would like to say thank you for all the very kind gifts and cards that we received for Christmas and we hope that you all managed to have a lovely time with friends and family. It has been wonderful to hear about all the great things that the children have been up to over the holiday.

## Main topics and learning this term:

Topic: Rivers

Science: Making New Substances

In English, we will be studying the book Journey to the River Sea we will use this as inspiration to create narrative poetry about the journey of the river, create a journey tale and write a non-chronological report, creating our own water create.

We have a geography topic this term on rivers. The children will be exploring both physical and human features and touch on some of the more contentious issues that surround water consumption on our planet. We are looking forward to upcoming lessons where we will be constructing river models using sand and resources from our grounds. Within this learning we are planning to visit Petty's Brook and also find out about the water cycle.



In science, we will be looking at making new substances. We will focus on mixing materials to create solutions and consider how we will separate these through evaporation, filtration and sieving. We will also look at how heating can causes changes permanently and how these will be reversible and irreversible changes.

### 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. Please also make use of Spelling Shed. If your child has Bug Club, please help them use it.
- Constant revision of multiplication and division facts is important; MyMaths and Timestables Rockstars are useful sites.
- Please record any activities that your child undertakes in their Home-link Book and ensure these are in school each day.

### 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 and we will now be sending home additional challenges in Maths that are set at an appropriate level for each child. Please encourage your children to work as independently as possible so that they have the opportunity to apply their school learning to home tasks.

**If homework is not completed within the set time, children will be required to complete the tasks during their lunchtime.**

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 winders 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. Days:**  
5RJ - Tuesday and Wednesday  
5PW and 5MB - Monday and Wednesday
- Reading books and home link books must be in school every day please.
- **Year 5 library day is on a Tuesday.**