

Four Lanes Community Junior School

Year 6 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.

This term we will begin to prepare for the SATs that will be taking place in the summer term. To do this we will be having mock exams next couple of weeks to help the children become more comfortable with the conditions in which they will be tested. We will also be using these tests to help us identify which areas of the curriculum we need to focus time on in class. We will be continuing to make learning as fun and engaging as possible, whilst also beginning to include more SATs style questions within lessons so that the children become more familiar with the wording and layout. We will be holding a SATs information meeting this term – a separate letter will be sent out with details of this shortly.



In Writing and Reading we will be using 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell as our inspiration. We will be exploring her language choices and how she develops characters. We will then use this knowledge to re-write a chapter from the book from a different character's point of view. We will also be looking at using this as a stimulus to write newspaper reports. We will also be revisiting our learning in the Autumn term to write an explanation text all about volcanoes and earthquakes.

In Maths, we will be building on our knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages and applying these skills to problem solving and investigation tasks. We will also be continuing to refresh our knowledge of the four operations.

In Science, we will look at electricity and controlling electrical circuits. We will test and decide which circuits will work and we will continue to develop our disciplinary knowledge.

In Geography this half term, we will be applying our knowledge of volcanoes and apply this to our learning of earthquakes. We will be look at the impact that earthquakes has on the environment around them and how this is affects both physical and human geography.

Our art will look more closely at the work of Hokusai and we will be honing and developing our drawing skills. We will then apply this to sketching and drawing mountain.

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 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 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.
- **PE Days:**
 - **6CS – Tuesday and Thursday**
 - **6RT / RS – Wednesday and Thursday**
- **Our School Library slot is on a Monday every week.**
- Reading books and home link books must be in school every day please.