

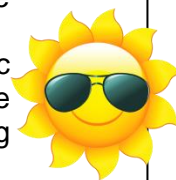
Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter
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Welcome back to the final term of the year! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The children are already working hard to make the most of their remaining learning time in Year 4. This week we have started tackling an exciting list of activities that we have planned for our topic this term and are looking forward to seeing the progress that the children will make. We are looking forward to tackling our multiplication check in June and also look forward to baking biscuits in DT!



Main topics and learning this term:



Baking

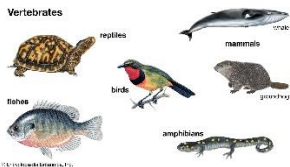
The Tudors

Living Things



As you will have guessed, our main topic this term is the changing power of the Tudor monarchs. The children will be learning all about how the Tudor monarchs made use of their power whilst on the throne. They will be developing their historical enquiry skills and utilising their research skills to extend their knowledge about the Tudor era of history.

In English, we are starting a new text; Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. The children will gain lots of exciting new vocabulary from this text and it will also help them with their poetry, fiction and non-fiction writing across the half term. We will start with writing Kenning poems about magical creatures that follow the noun-verb pattern of a Kenning poem. Next, we will move on to writing diaries from the viewpoint of Harry Potter himself and finally, the children will write persuasive leaflets to encourage people to come to Hogwarts!



Our Science topic this term is Living Things. We will be investigating different types of living things and how we can classify them based on their characteristics. We will start by looking at vertebrates and invertebrates, as this builds on the childrens' knowledge from Minstead. We will then move on to classifying vertebrates and looking at living things in detail in order to classify them correctly.

In Maths, we will be reviewing topics that we have already studied this year, deepening our understanding and applying our knowledge to more complicated problem solving. We will be covering time, shape, statistics, multiplication (please keep practising your times tables), position and direction and formal written methods for the four operations. In year 4, we have our Multiplication Tables Check starting in June for two weeks. It is **essential** that all children are practising their times tables at home to support them with this.



Our learning continues to link to the UN convention on the Rights of the Child.



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 in order to develop their vocabulary and inform their writing.
- Constant revision of multiplication and division facts, Times Tables Rock Stars are useful sites. Our Multiplication Tables Check is coming up in June! Please continue to make this a priority for home learning.



Homework:

Please continue with the project sheets in your child's homework book based around The Tudors and Living Things.

Spellings and Times Tables will be tested on a Friday. The results will be recorded in their home link books so that they can continue to practise any of which they were unsure. **The children will be completing the national Multiplication Times Table Check in June so they will need to have a good knowledge of them all.**

A few reminders:

- PE will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays this term. Please ensure your child comes in wearing their PE kit on these days.
- Our School Library time is on a Friday afternoon.