



Four Lanes Community Junior School

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

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Welcome back to the last ever term for the Year 6 pupils at Four Lanes! We hope that you all had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the excellent weather. We are delighted to have the children back who are already displaying an excellent 'growth mindset'.

We have spent the week settling back into our learning routines and continuing to prepare for the SATS that will be taking place the week beginning 13th May. We are so pleased with the maturity, determination and hard work being displayed by the pupils. Well done Year 6 and keep it up!

This term we will continue to guide our wonderful pupils to achieve their potential in the SATS whilst supporting their wellbeing and celebrating their many strengths and interests which will not be assessed by the tests. The children will learn some tips for relaxing and how to be mindful during SATs week. Post SATS the pupils will learn about the Ancient Maya in History and will complete some associated cross curricular writing. We are also in the process of finalising plans for the Calshot residential, the Year 6 performance and the End of Year party which we will notify you about soon. There are so many wonderful opportunities to enjoy in this term which are designed to give your child lasting memories and prepare them for the transition to secondary school.

Main topics and learning this term:

Topic – The Ancient Maya (History)

Science – Sound



For the first few weeks, we will be focussing on revising the most important objectives from the core subjects.

In writing, we will be completing many writing outcomes inspired by short films such as Eleven and Alma where we will learn how to develop our language choices to build suspense and tension. In reading we will be focussing on the class novel, The Last Wild. We will explore inferences and deeper meanings within this text and making effective comparisons with other texts. In Maths, we will be enjoying solving more complex problems and taking part in projects and revisiting areas of the curriculum in more depth.

In history, we will be studying the Ancient Maya the pupils will also continue to develop their historical skills in analysing the reliability of different sources and offering suggestions about why sources may sometimes differ and contradict one another. We will be using historical enquiry to draw our own conclusions.

In Science, the children will be building on the prior knowledge of sound and applying their disciplinary knowledge within science.

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 except for the Friday before and after SATS during which time we would like pupils to focus on their mental and physical wellbeing.

Maths and English homework activities will continue to 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.

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 wafers 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.
- Please ensure your child's PE is in school every day after the SATS as the weather is improving and where possible more activities will be taking place.
- Year 6 PE days are Wednesdays and Thursday
- Year 6 Library day is on a Monday
- Reading books and home link books must be in school every day please.