



Four Lanes Community Junior School

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

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We are delighted to welcome back the Year 6 pupils for their final half term at Four Lanes - we hope that you all had an enjoyable half term and recovered after the SATS!

Our first week was spent, as I am sure you are aware, participating in our residential at Calshot. This was an incredible opportunity for pupils to take part in exciting new challenges and learn new skills. It was a pleasure to see the pupils grow in confidence and display real resilience when things were difficult. What a wonderful week of memories to take with them when they leave!

This week, we have settled back into normal school routines and have started to prepare for the end of year production. We will begin creating props and scenery soon. Please keep an eye out for updates on costumes and timings for the production.

This term the pupils will continue completing exemplars of their best writing to contribute to their final teacher assessment result. Non-core subjects, such as DT, art and drama will be given more curriculum time this half term and we hope the children will be excited to show you their outcomes when complete. Our PSHE focus will be around transition to secondary school to ensure they are as prepared as possible for the change and we will be learning about SRE. I am sure the pupils will enjoy visiting their new schools later this month. We are also in the process of finalising plans for the End of Year party - we will send out more information about this in July.

Main topics and learning this term:

Topic – The Ancient Maya (History)
The Amazing Amazon (Geography)

Science – Sound

This half term we will continue to study the full range of the Year 6 curriculum in more depth in preparation for secondary school. In writing, pupils will continue completing exemplars of their best writing and writing for a range of audiences and purposes. They will continue to look at all the features within their writing and consider how this will impact the reader.

In Maths, we will be tackling algebra, statistics (particularly line graphs) and then moving onto some multi-step problem solving opportunities in order to prepare them for secondary school expectations. We will also look at applying our knowledge and look at project-based learning to enhance our problem-solving skills.

Over the next few weeks, the children will continue to explore The Maya civilisation in History. In Science, we are continuing sound. In non-core subjects, such as DT, art and drama will be given more priority this half term and we hope the pupils will be excited to show you their outcomes when complete. Our PSHE focus this half term will be around transition to secondary school to ensure they are as prepared as possible for the change. We are sure the pupils will enjoy visiting their new schools later this month and will show lots of **courage** and resilience!

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 for the next couple of weeks (alternating between Maths and English). After this time, we will give pupils time to prepare for the end of year production (learning lines, practising dance routines and songs). However, Spelling Shed, daily reading, My Maths and Times Tables Rock stars practise will continue in order to maintain those key skills.

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.

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. A hat and sun cream are also advised now that the weather is warmer.
- **Year 6 PE days are on Wednesdays and Thursdays**
- Reading books and home link books must be in school every day please.