



Four Lanes Community Junior School

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

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Welcome to Year 4!

Welcome back! We are delighted to see the children back in school with positive attitudes towards learning and ready to start the next year. The children have been determined and very eager to continue their learning. To begin with, we have been exploring each of the School Values in turn and learning about what it takes to be a successful, independent Year 4 learner. We can see so many of you have been trying really hard to keep your learning up over the Summer holidays. Please remember that our doors are always open and it would be lovely to share positive news with you as well as any concerns you may have. We are very much looking forward to the year ahead!

Main topics and learning this term:

Anglo-Saxons

Mixing and Separating

Our main historical topic this term is the Anglo-Saxons. The children will be learning about a range of interesting aspects of Saxon Life. During the term the children will be completing a research project to investigate how the Anglo-Saxons lived.

In Science we will be learning about mixing and separating. We are going to investigate different states of matter and how different liquids mix differently.



This term we start our English learning with a unit on Beowulf. We are going to write Kenning poems after we've read the book as our inspiration. Later in the half term we will be applying our learning of Beowulf to write 'conquering a monster' stories.

In Maths, we will be revisiting our place value knowledge before moving on to look at the four operations. The children will benefit hugely from knowing both their times tables and the value of number in different contexts. Later this year, we will be sitting our National Times Tables Check in Year 4. It is vitally important that the children are practising all of their tables on a regular basis through Times Tables Rock Stars on 'Soundcheck'.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

Our learning this year is being linked to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The children are already familiar with the rights and are able to share and discuss them. We will be reviewing which of our rights we have learned about at the end of each day.

We will also be learning outside of the classroom as well as inside so please ensure children have either coats or sunhats to match our brilliant British climate! Thank you.

UNCRC article focus: 29: I have the right to an education which develops my personality, respect for others' rights and environment.

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 read on a regular basis. They can earn Dojo points for Reading at Home!
- In Year 4, we will be sitting our Times Tables Check (more information to come) so it is really important that children constantly revise multiplication and division facts. TTRockstars – Soundcheck is great for practise.
- Please record any learning activities that your child undertakes in their Home-link Book and/or Homework Book and ensure these are in school each day.



Homework:

This year the children's main curriculum homework will continue to take the form of Learning Conversations which will be stuck in their homework books.

This allows each child to consolidate their understanding. Every week the Year 4 team will select areas from the week's learning that we would like your child to share and discuss with you.

A few reminders:

- **PE will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays this term.** Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days.
- **Our School Library time is on a Friday afternoon.**
- Please keep an eye on Class Dojo to keep track of how many Dojo points your child has received!

