

Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer 2 2015

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Welcome back to the final half term of Year 5. The children have again settled quickly back into learning and are enjoying preparing for the challenges Year 6 will bring them.

We are continuing our topic of Ancient Egypt and we are still excited about exploring how society worked and the different roles people played in it. We are analysing what it may have been like to part of this and communicating our findings through drama and playwriting. As part of the topic we are creating a museum artefact illustrating a series of settings specific to the Ancient Egyptians, including a model of the mummification chamber and the Throne Room. You will be able to see these when you join us for our outcome later in the term – dates to be confirmed.

Upcoming dates for your diary: Sports Day 27th June, Upper School end of year production during the evenings of 21st, 22nd July.

Main topics and learning this half term:

Reproduction in
flowering plants

Ancient Egypt

ART/DT

This half term our main topic area is “Ancient Egypt”

The children will be continuing to gain an understanding of the culture of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. They will be learning about the process of mummification and the hierarchy of Ancient Egypt’s society.

The key concepts that we will be covering are:

- To understand the achievements of the earliest civilisations
- To have an overview of where and when the first civilisations appeared
- To study, in depth, an ancient civilisation

This topic will link to these other aspects of the curriculum:

- Art: designing and decorating a pyramid.
- DT: designing and making a pair of sandals as worn by an Ancient Egyptian.

English: This term the children will be writing non-chronological reports and will be working together to research and write entries for an encyclopaedia on Ancient Egypt.

Maths: This term your children will be securing their understanding of place value and methods for multiplication and division. They will also be looking at different ways of measuring and converting measures.

Science: This term we are looking at flowering plants as living things, revising the parts of the plants and their functions as well as learning about the conditions affecting plant growth. They will also be investigating seed dispersal and germination.

How you can support your child’s learning at home:

- Weekly homework – English and maths
- Practise X tables and extend to decimals and fractions,(e.g using 4×5 to calculate 0.4×5 and $4/10 \times 5$)
- Read regularly, both aloud and alone. When hearing your child read go back and ask them about what they have read. If you notice ‘hidden meanings’ do quiz your child about these!

Homework:

Homework will be set weekly on a Friday, to be handed in the following Wednesday. It will alternate between maths and English.

Please sign your child’s link book and let us know how their reading is progressing.



PE will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this half term. Please ensure your child’s PE kit is in school on these days.