

# Four Lanes Community Junior School



## Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1 2015

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Welcome to Year 4! We hope you all had an exciting and relaxing summer holiday and that the children have settled back into the routine of school well this past week. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for the year ahead and we are looking forward to seeing your child grow as a responsible member of the community and as an engaged and motivated learner. Your child will soon be bringing home their banded fiction book. Thank you in advance for your support with hearing your child read daily as well as for your support with future homework projects.

### Main topics and learning this half term:

New Beginnings

The Vicious Vikings

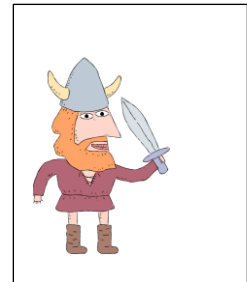
Separating Materials

**This term our main topic area is "The Vicious Vikings!"**

Through this topic the children will build on their learning from last year. As we progress through this period of time we focus on historical fact finding and geography. We have already launched our topic with an exciting afternoon of activities.

**Our main topic will link to lots of other aspects of the curriculum:**

- Writing stories with historical settings
- Learning a Viking dance during indoor PE
- Interpreting a Viking voyage through music



The children will also be busy exploring painting and mixed media in order to design a habitat journal for science. In French the children will be learning greetings and numbers and in RE celebrations of life. PE sessions this term will be focused on 'rolling' and tennis. In maths we will be concentrating on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and how these can be applied to problem solving and real life situations.

#### **How you can support your child's learning at home:**

Daily reading and times tables practice will be invaluable to your child's learning. Please record these activities in the home-link book.

Out and about maths: look out for examples of number and maths in everyday situations e.g. at the supermarket or whilst cooking, these help your child to put maths in context, making it more meaningful.

#### **Homework:**

Homework will be given out every week on a Friday to be returned the following Wednesday. There will be weekly spellings plus a maths or English based task on alternating weeks this half term.

**Diary Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Meet the Teacher. This is an opportunity to find out everything you ever wanted to know about Year 4. There will be a slight change from previous years with parents invited to join the class at 2:45 to take part in an activity with their child. A presentation will follow outlining various aspects and expectations regarding Year 4. You will then have the opportunity to chat with your child's teacher about how they have settled in.

PE will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays this term, please ensure your child's PE kit is in school on these days.

**If you would like to be a regular parent helper please speak to your child's class teacher as we are always keen for helpers to hear readers, practise multiplication and division tables or support with art activities etc.**