

# Four Lanes Community Junior School



## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1 2015

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A very warm welcome to all children and parents in the new Year 5. We hope you all had a relaxing summer holiday and that your child is settling in well. The children have already begun to move forward with their learning this term and are keen to build on their progress from Year 4. There are lots of new and exciting learning opportunities, including a Science trip to Queen Mary's College to participate in a light workshop. In Year 5 we are keen to work as a cohesive team utilising the strengths of the whole school community, if you have any strengths that would support the children in their learning or are able to volunteer for trips or to hear readers please don't hesitate to come forward!

### Main topics and learning this half term:

**Ancient Greeks**

**Light**

**We have already had a topic launch day for this half term's main topic area of The Ancient Greeks. Please see the picture of the children's Greek labyrinths from Thursday.** During this half term children will be gaining an understanding of the culture of the Ancient Greek civilisation. They will be learning about the geography of the country as well as finding out about the historical aspects of the topic.

The key concepts that we will be covering are:

- To understand the start of Democracy in the modern world
- To understand the basis of the modern legal system
- To recognise the importance of the Olympic Games
- To use and apply primary and secondary research methods
- To draw conclusions and similarities between the ancient and modern world

In art the children will be working towards printing carefully researched Greek designs onto fabric. The children's study in French will focus on animals, while in PHSE and RE there is a great link between new beginnings and creation stories.



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

- English: Greek Myths and Legends, explanation texts and an author study.
- Maths: we are focussing on developing the children's understanding of place value, rounding, fractions and some work on pattern.

The children will work in the ICT suite to support the other curriculum areas once we have reinforced e-safety and investigated Scratch Learn.

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

- Practise X tables and look for links between them, (e.g. knowing 2x4 helps to solve 2x8, 20x4, 0.2x4 etc.....)
- Read regularly, both aloud and alone. When hearing your child read do go back and ask them about what they have read, as we are working to help the children deepen their understanding of the text.

### Homework Project:

This term the children will be completing a weekly homework. This will be either a maths or English task set on the Friday and the children will be expected to have it completed and handed in by the following Wednesday. The expectation in Year 5 is that children spend one hour per week on the homework task. There will be an opportunity for the children to complete homework in school if they are unable to find time to do so at home. There will be a project based task set next half term.

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

Children have been given new blue home school link books. Please make time to discuss these with your child and ensure that daily reading is recorded in them.