

Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2 2015

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As the nights draw in and we approach Christmas, Year 4 continue to work hard in their learning. This week our History learning has been deepened by a Viking visitor who has enabled our children to experience brooch making, archaeological discoveries and the importance of death ceremonies within the Viking culture.

Christmas will soon be upon us and we will shortly start learning the songs and words for the Christmas production 'Baubles'. We will be holding auditions for the main roles in the play so the children can start practising their amateur dramatics at home! Your child may require a costume and your support will be greatly appreciated.

Main topics and learning this half term:

Let it shine

The Vicious Vikings

Advent



This term our main topic has been "The Vicious Vikings!"

Through this topic the children have built on their historical learning from last year. As we progress through this period of time we are focusing on historical fact finding and geography, including studying the various social roles within a Viking settlement.

As we approach Christmas, the focus of our RE turns towards the symbolism and importance of light within different religions. The light theme continues to run through our Science topic which looks at sources of light, creation of shadows and develops our investigational skills.

In English we are currently studying stories with issues and dilemmas, using 'The Angel of Nitshill Road' as a model. Children will now be writing their own stories about an issue or dilemma.

In Maths we are continuing to implement our new curriculum and the main foci this term will be multiplication, properties of 2-D shapes, co-ordinates, symmetry and data collection including interpretation.

We look forward to seeing you at our topic outcome which will be held on Tuesday 15th December

How you can support your child's

learning at home: Daily reading and times tables practice are 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. This helps your child to put maths in context, making it more meaningful.

Homework:

The main focus for homework this half term is the Viking project and there will also be maths homework on a fortnightly basis. In addition, weekly spellings and times table practice are on-going. Children will be bringing home song-sheets for the production and scripts next week. Your assistance in practising and learning these words will be much appreciated.

Diary Date: Sat 28th Nov – Christmas Fayre.

Christmas Production: Wednesday 9th Dec 6pm, Thursday 10th Dec 2pm and 6pm.

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.