

Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2 2015

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Thank you very much for your continued support. You will be very pleased to know that the children have settled well after half term and are really focusing in on their learning. The Year 5 team have been impressed with the Growth Mindset set mentality kicking in and there are fewer Yeti moments. (Ask your children what these are!) We have got a very exciting half term planned with a trip to Oxford at the end of November, a visit from the Winchester Planetarium and opportunities for Year 5 to participate in Bikability- the Hampshire programme for cycle training.

Main topics and learning this half term:

Space

Ancient Greeks



We are really looking forward to our visit to The Ashmolean Museum in Oxford on 25th November. It will allow the children to understand:

- The start of Democracy in the modern world
- The basis of the modern legal system
- The importance of the Olympic Games.

The visit from the Planetarium to school on 7th December will bring our learning in and around Space alive with a wonderful opportunity to sit inside the dome viewing a 3D universe.

In art the children will be working towards creating a final piece of work in the style of Chesley Bonestall a twentieth Century artist who used his imagination to create images of planets of the Solar System.

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

- English: Graphic Novels, Instructions and Recounts.
- Maths: we are focussing on developing the children's understanding of measurement and geometry

The children will work in the ICT suite using the program Comic Life to present their Greek graphic novels.

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.
- Don't forget that children can still log in to 'My Maths' to enjoy fun games and activities.

Homework Project:

This half term we are encouraging all the children to complete a topic based piece of homework. This will allow them to tackle a task that wouldn't normally be achievable within the suggested time constraints for homework.

There are currently lots of independent learners who will enjoy letting their love for learning loose! Watch out for more information coming soon.

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

We would be grateful if you could record in your child's Home-Link Book all the occasions you hear your child read at home to ensure that daily reading is recorded.