

# Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter  
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We thoroughly enjoyed teaching the children last half term and look forward to another half term jam packed with learning!

The Year 6 teaching team are impressed with how the Year 6 pupils have already matured into their roles at the 'top of the school'. We were especially proud of them in Remembrance Assembly where they set an impressive example of tone and behaviour for the rest of the school and many of them shared examples of their outstanding war poems. It was lovely to see some of our Year 6 instrumentalists leading the school in the singing.

We have also been delighted by the way that the children have taken on responsibilities across the school, such as play-leading (in the Infant School as well), preparing audio-visual resources for assemblies, distributing registers and leading tours of the school for visitors. What a great bunch!



## Main topics and learning this term:

### A Local History Study - Amazingstoke

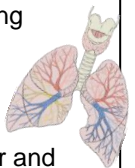
### Science - Respiration

We will continue with our local history study of Basingstoke, investigating what has happened in the past to build the town as it is today. We are considering, in particular, the impact of the railway's development on the town and its people, the World Wars and other events that changed Basingstoke from a small town into an important industrial and commercial centre in Southern England.



To keep our personal and social education relevant we will be establishing the importance of pupils having a positive and active role in the diverse life of a community and developing their skills in working with others. They will be considering social and moral issues focussing on drugs – safe and unsafe.

During Science we will be exploring the respiratory system; how it works; what the different parts of the system are called and how to look after it. This will link with our learning in PSHEE about smoking (drugs).



The children are enjoying using their Reading Journals to collect story ideas, amazing phrases to remember and concepts they enjoyed meeting in their chosen books. We hope to launch a Word Millionaire Club next week to encourage our readers to develop further. In English lessons, we are exploring the novel War Horse leading on to writing our own narrative pieces. They will also develop their skills in writing across the curriculum. We will continue our daily focuses on concepts in Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation. Please keep helping us with this by pointing out spelling and grammar in daily life (finding badly used commas or apostrophes is always fun!)



Maths learning will cover Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division within problem-solving and particularly questions where the children will need to find more than one answer in order to solve the problem. We will be re-visiting learning on percentages, decimals, fractions, data handling and averages, again within real-life problems. The children are developing their recall of multiplication and division tables up to 12 x 12 - keeping up the practice is key!

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

Reading remains fundamental to your child's further learning, so please listen to your child on a regular basis regardless of their ability. If your child has Bug Club, please help them use it.

Constant revision of multiplication and division facts will always be useful; Mymaths and Woodlands Maths Zone are useful sites.

Please note anything they do in their Home-link book.

#### Homework:

We have recently sent home a chart outlining the children's research and presentation homework - we hope they enjoy developing their own projects. They need to earn 50 points before the end of term so could bring in their first projects next week. Please remember that the children are expected to be actively practising tables and spellings for 10 minutes a day and reading for 20 – thank you for your support.

#### A few reminders:

- PE is still Wednesdays and Thursdays this term. However, it is always useful for their kit to be in everyday of the week- just in case.
- ICT is timetabled for a Tuesday and our School Library time is on a Monday afternoon.
- We have some very kind volunteers that hear your children read but we always welcome additional help!
- Please can you collect any magazines for our forthcoming art project and give them to your child to bring in. It has been lovely to meet so many of you this week and we thank you for your continued support.

