

Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2 2016

4R Mr Reeves / Mrs Sanders, 4D Mr G Davey, 4G Mrs S. Godliman
LSAs: Mrs Harrison, Mrs Gill and Mrs Mill

We are already half-way through Year 4 - where does the time go? The children have been working hard and making good progress. Unfortunately Mr Reeves is still unwell but we are really pleased that Mrs Sanders remains with us, planning and working very closely with the rest of the Year 4 team. Thank you Mrs Sanders and we hope Mr Reeves will be well enough to join us again soon.

We have an exciting half term of activities planned with plenty of opportunities for the children to further their learning through a cross curricular approach.

If you are able to offer a regular time slot to come and hear readers or help with times tables your help would be hugely appreciated. Please see your child's class teacher

Main topics and learning this half term:

Eucharist and the
Last Supper

What a Load of
Rubbish!

Plant Reproduction

This half term our main topic area is "What a Load of Rubbish"

This topic deepens children's understanding of conservation and sustainability issues at local and global scales. Children will be inspired and empowered to take responsibility, persuade and take action through an ecological project – watch this space for the results!. The topic will enable children to develop their enquiry skills and use their knowledge for a moral purpose. Challenges will be structured, supported and enable children to follow their own enquiries. We will be visiting Festival Place to learn about their award-winning recycling schemes.

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

Literacy: Explanation texts and discussions

Maths: Using recycling statistics to create and analyse graphs, calculating distances raw materials travel (in relation to reducing our carbon footprint).

Art and design: Recycling materials to create collages

Computing: Research into recycling and environmental impacts

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 English' Look out for opportunities for your child to further their vocabulary through describing various places or objects. You may want to see who can think of the best word!

Homework

Homework is set every Friday and should be handed in the following Wednesday unless specifically requested at a different time. Every week your child will receive spellings which they need to write into interesting sentences. Also each week will alternate with either an English or Maths piece of work to be completed. Could you please ensure that the home school link book is in school every day so that communication between home and school can be maintained.

PE will take place on a Wednesday (outdoor) and a Thursday (indoor) this term. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school on these days.