

Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2 2016

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We welcome you to another packed programme and a very busy term for the children. We are very excited about our learning this term and we are working hard to make sure that the children have the best possible preparation for the upcoming SATs yet help them enjoy their Year Six curriculum learning. If you have any questions regarding the plans, please do come to speak with one of us.

Main topics and learning this half term:

Non-Fiction

Tropical Rainforest

Materials

This half term we are continuing our study of Tropical Rainforests but transferring our focus to the changes that are faced due to the effects of deforestation. We will be having a visual tug of war in our classrooms over whether or not development of the Rainforest is a good idea. We will share our conclusions with you (amongst other learning) in our 'Outcome' for which we hope you can join us (23rd March).

Linked with this, in English we are focusing on a range of non-fiction writing styles linked to our Rainforest topic. The children will be developing their skills of non-chronological reporting, persuasive writing and balanced arguments, all peppered with poetry along the way!

We also link our Art, Design and Technology learning to our Rainforest topic. We will explore techniques of sculpture by designing and making a rainforest plant in the style of the artist we studied last term – Yayoi Kosuma.

Our Science leads us to explore materials and their changes of state through practical activities. In Computing sessions the children are learning to use a new multimedia resource. We aim to widen the children's abilities to make exciting presentations that can incorporate sound, video, pictures and the written word.

In Maths we will be widening the children's understanding and revisiting areas of the Maths National Curriculum. Alongside this we will be looking at applying the rules of number (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division) in both real-life contexts and answering written questions. Further learning will look in detail at angles, shape, area and perimeter, negative numbers, translation and symmetry, straight line graphs and percentages. We will, of course, be preparing the children for the forthcoming SAT tests, helping them to develop their speed and efficiency in arithmetic and extending their powers of reasoning for longer, real life problems.

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

- Daily reading and times tables practice remain invaluable to your child's learning. Please record these activities in the home-link book. Use Bug Club at home if your child has log-in details.
- Use the My Maths or Woodlands website to engage children with interactive games to support their learning. Visit: <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

Homework:

We will be giving the children maths practice every other week and a choice of new projects to complete over the half term. As in the Autumn Term, the children will need to choose projects but, because we have only a short half term, they need only earn a total of 30 points. Enjoy!

A few reminders:

- PE will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays this term. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school on these days.
- Parent teacher meetings are on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday and 16th March
- Our Outcome afternoon is on Wednesday 23rd March