

Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

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Welcome back to the final term in Year 5! We hope that all the children had an enjoyable Easter and are looking forward to the longer days and warmer weather of the summer term.

It was lovely to see the children on Tuesday and they have again settled quickly back into learning. This term our main topic is Ancient Egypt and the children are eager to learn all about this fascinating period of history. Once we have found out exactly where along the time line the Ancient Egyptian civilisation came, we will be exploring different aspects of the geography, climate and day to day life of the Ancient Egyptians. As part of our topic we are planning a trip in the second half of the term to the British Museum in London and to complete last term's work on Rivers, a small investigation of the tidal Thames whilst we're there.

Main topics and learning this half term:

Materials

Ancient Egypt

DT Bread

In history:

The children will be gaining an understanding of the culture of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. They will be learning about the geography of the country as well as finding out about the historical aspects of the topic. The key concepts that we will be covering are:

- To understand the achievements of the earliest civilisations
- To have an overview of where and when the first civilisations appeared
- To study, in depth, an ancient civilisation

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

- **DT:** With bread being a staple of the Ancient Egyptian diet the children will be designing and making bread.
- **Maths:** Area and perimeter pyramid challenge! The interior of the pyramid needs redecorating – how much will it cost to carpet and wallpaper each of the hidden chambers?



In Science: This term we will investigate the properties of new materials. Varied examples of new materials are things like bread, chocolate, alloys and brick; materials that can't be returned to their original constituents after going through a process such as heating.

English: This half term the children will be immersing themselves in persuasive writing and the creation of encyclopaedia entries.

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

- Weekly homework – English and maths
- Practise X tables and extend to decimals and fractions,(e.g using 4x5 to calculate 0.4 x5 and 4/10 x 5)
- Read regularly, both aloud and alone. When hearing your child read go back and ask them about what they have read. If you notice 'hidden meanings' do quiz your child about these!



Homework Project:

A grid of options for the homework project has been sent home. The children need to select a range of tasks up to or above 50 points to complete over the half term. We look forward to seeing what they achieve!

Every other week a maths task will be sent home as the project should be completed on alternate weeks.



PE will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesday as usual this term. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school on these days. We have a hockey coach from Basingstoke Hockey Club coming in on Tuesday afternoons to teach the children this term.