

# Four Lanes Community Junior School



## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Summer 2 2016

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Welcome back to the final half term of Year 5. We are very proud of how the children have grown and matured this year they are a credit to you. As a team we are very sad that this is the last half term together but we are working tirelessly to prepare the children for the challenges of Year 6.

We are continuing our topic of Ancient Egypt and we are very excited to be visiting The Sunken Cities exhibition at The British Museum. By the time you join us for our outcome afternoon on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of July we will have created our very own museum full of artefacts and explanations for you to enjoy. Whilst in London we will also take the opportunity to sketch the tidal Thames to finally draw last term's topic to a close.

### Main topics and learning this half term:

Reproduction in flowering plants

Ancient Egypt

ART/DT

#### This half term our main topic area is "Ancient Egypt"

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

- **Art:** Designing and make an Ancient Egyptian death mask.
- **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?
- **English:** This term the children will be writing a film narrative to accompany the short animation of "The Piano". They will also be revisiting dramatic conventions.
- **Science:** introducing reproduction in plants.

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

- Weekly homework – English and maths
- Practise X tables and extend to decimals and fractions, ( eg 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:

After the wonderful homework efforts of last half term for which we are mightily impressed! We will return to tasks which require less parental involvement.

Homework is set weekly on a Friday, to be handed in the following Wednesday. It alternates between maths and English.

Please sign your child's link book and let us know how their reading is progressing.

#### Dates for Your Diary

Sports Day is on the 24<sup>th</sup> June. The Summer Fayre on the 25<sup>th</sup> June and finally The Upper School End of Year Production will take place during the evenings 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**PE** will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this half term. Please ensure your child's full PE kit is in school on these days. (There will team points awarded to each child who is in the correct kit on Sports Day!)