

Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2 2016

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Thank you very much for your continued support. You will be very pleased to know that the children have settled well after half term and are really focusing in on their learning. The Year 5 team have been impressed with the Growth Mindset set the children are displaying and as a result, we are seeing some great progress already. We have got a very exciting half term planned with a visit from the Winchester Planetarium and opportunities for all of Year 5 to participate in Bikability- the Hampshire programme for cycle training.

Main topics and learning this half term:

Space

Ancient Greeks

In Year 5 we are working really hard to make Greek links across the whole of the curriculum.

Within the Greek topic we will specifically look at:

- The start of Democracy in the modern world
- The basis of the modern legal system
- The importance of the Olympic Games.

Within maths we are starting to investigate the properties of 3D Shape and will then move onto area, volume and capacity. We will tackle problem solving with both written and mental strategies.

We will use our new found knowledge to create our own version of Pandora's Box (Greek Myth) which will involve Maths, English and other subjects. We will particularly be considering the United Nations Rights of the Child and our responsibility to ourselves and others through PSHEE.

In English we will be writing Greek graphic novels and use our Bikeability experience to write Instructions and Recounts.

The visit from the Planetarium to school on Thursday 10th November will bring our learning in and around Space alive with a wonderful opportunity to sit inside the dome viewing a 3D universe.

During art the children will be working towards creating a final piece of work in the style of Chesley Bonestall, a twentieth century artist who used his imagination to create images of planets of the Solar System.

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

- Practise X tables and look for links between them, (e.g. knowing 2x4 helps to solve 2x8, 20x4, 0.2x4 etc.....)
- Read regularly, both aloud and alone. When hearing your child read, do go back and ask them about what they have read as we are working to help the children deepen their understanding of the text.
- Don't forget that children can still log in to 'My Maths' to enjoy fun games and activities.

Homework Project:

This half term we are encouraging all the children to complete a topic based piece of homework. This will allow them to tackle a task that wouldn't normally be achievable within the suggested time constraints for homework. Details out soon.

There are currently lots of independent learners who will enjoy letting their love for learning loose! Watch out for more information coming soon.

PE will take place on Tuesdays and Thursday this term. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school on these days. We would be grateful if you could record in your child's Home-Link Book all the occasions you hear your child read at home to ensure that daily reading is recorded.

We look forward to meeting you all at parents evening on 15th/16th November.

Diary Dates: 10th November - Planetarium visit, 18th November- Children in Need, w/c 28th November - Bikeability, 13th December topic outcome 2.30pm and 16th December -Carols in the Playground 1.45pm