

# Four Lanes Community Junior School

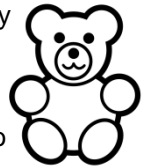


Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter  
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Happy New Year! We hope you all had a relaxing break. It has been lovely to hear all that the children have been up to over the holiday. We have launched straight back into our learning and have had a busy couple of weeks already. The children are particularly excited about "Ted" who is going off on his travels around the UK as part of our topic work and have already brushed up on their persuasive writing techniques in order to get him to start his adventures.

A few of you very kindly offered to help out in Year 4 at parents evening. If you are still available to do so please let your class teacher know – thank you!



## Main topics and learning this term:

Virtual Tour of the UK

Food Chains

Our geography topic this term focusses on the United Kingdom and the wide variety of landscapes within it. The children have already begun to fill our class maps with places they have visited and have looked into types of settlements and the contrast between urban and rural areas. We will be doing more in depth learning about maps including investigating map symbols and contours. At the end of the topic the children will have the opportunity to design their own village. Each class has sent their own "Ted" off on his adventures around the country and the children are looking forward to plotting how many miles he manages to travel as well as receiving emails from each of his locations.



In science this term the children will be monitoring the use of their bug hotel. We are looking forward to seeing who is making use of the facilities! Our main science topic is food chains and there will be lots of opportunities for the children to apply their maths data handling skills to categorise organisms. They will also be exploring how animals and plants exist alongside each other to form food chains.

We have a range of genres of writing to cover this term and the children have already put their persuasive writing skills to good use in our topic work, persuading Ted to set off on his journey around the country. We will be writing narratives based on Ted's adventures which will be a great opportunity for the children to apply their geography learning to a creative writing opportunity.

In maths we are continuing to consolidate strategies for the four operations to enable us to work with larger numbers. We will be moving forward with our understanding of fractions and looking more closely at the decimal system. All of these topics require quick recall of times tables so please keep working on them at home.

Our learning continues to link to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The children are able to talk about these rights in respect of their learning.



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

- Reading remains fundamental to your child's further learning so please listen to your child on a regular basis regardless of their ability. If your child has Bug Club, please help them use it.
- Constant revision of multiplication and division facts will always be useful; Mymaths and Woodlands Maths Zone are useful sites.
- Please record any activities that your child undertakes in their Home-link Book and ensure these are in school each day.

### Homework:

Spellings and times tables are tested on Thursdays. Homework will alternate between English and maths each week.

Please ensure that all homework books are in on or before the Wednesday. This allows teachers time to mark your child's efforts before they are returned.

### 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. However it is always useful for their kit to be in every day of the week; just in case.
- Our School Library time is on a Tuesday afternoon.
- Dates for the diary: 1<sup>st</sup> February- Orchestra Unwrapped at The Anvil, 20<sup>th</sup> February -Half Term, 27<sup>th</sup> February - INSET
- Spellings are sent home and tested on Thursdays.