

# Four Lanes Community Junior School

Year 3 Curriculum News

Summer 1 2017



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Welcome back to the Summer Term and the final term of Year 3! We still have plenty of learning left to do this term and the children have already made a great start. We have some exciting learning planned and are learning about a wide range of topics across the curriculum. We are looking forward to welcoming a new Learning Support Assistant, Miss Hunt to our team next week and we are also looking forward to showing the current Year 2 children around the junior school in preparation for September.



## Main topics and learning this half term:

In someone else's shoes

Explorers

Digestion

Our main topic this term is 'Explorers'. We will be learning about a number of famous explorers as we focus on the geographical aspects of their explorations. This will include learning basic map skills and plotting journeys taken onto maps. Through a range of activities, including drama, discussion and written tasks, the children will make and record their own discoveries and explorations.



In our science topic of 'digestion' we will be developing our understanding of:

- How different animals are adapted to eat different foods.
- How different types of teeth do different jobs.
- How food is broken down by the teeth and further in the stomach and intestines where nutrients go into the blood. The blood takes nutrients around the body.
- How nutrients produced by plants move to primary consumers then to secondary consumers through food chains.



In D.T we are investigating different fruits and combinations of flavours when we make smoothies.

In English we will be writing a new adventure story for our library based on Quentin Blake's 'The Green Ship'.

In Maths our number skills and use of plotting and co-ordinates will help us with our map skills.

Our PSHE topic is entitled 'Someone Else's Shoes'. We will be exploring what life is like from someone else's perspective!

**UNCRC article focus:** 29. I have the right to an education which develops my personality, respect for others' rights and the environment.

### 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 read on a regular basis regardless of their ability.
- 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:

Weekly homework will alternate between English and Maths this term. Please ensure that all homework books are in on or before Wednesdays. Please read regularly with your child. If your child has Bug Club, please help them use it.



### A few reminders:

- PE will take place on Wednesdays and Mondays 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 Thursday afternoon.
- Date for the diary: Walk to School week 5<sup>th</sup> May
- Spellings are sent home and tested on Fridays.