

Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter
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Welcome back to the final term of the year! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The children are already working hard to make the most of their remaining learning time in Year 4. We have an exciting range of activities planned for our topic this term and are looking forward to seeing the progress that the children will make. There will be a unit outcome later in the term where the children will be sharing their Tudor portraits and knowledge of the Tudor monarchs.



Main topics and learning this term:

Portraits

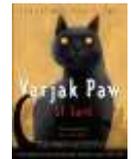
Changing Power of the Tudor Monarchs

Skeletons



Our main topic this term is the changing power of the Tudor monarchs. The children will be learning all about how the Tudor monarchs made use of their power whilst on the throne. They will be developing their historical enquiry skills and utilising their research skills to extend their knowledge about the Tudor era of history.

In English we have started to study the book *Varjak Paw* by SF Said. The children will be studying the text in detail and looking closely at the motivation of the characters, the authors' choice of language and the effect on the reader of the author's choices. Through drama, reading activities and trying out some of the authors' written techniques the children will develop a clear understanding of how the author has created such a powerful story for the reader.



Our Science topic this half term skeletons. We will be learning about the roles of the skeleton including how it offers protection and support to the body. The children will learn about movable joints and how muscles contract in order to move bones. There will be lots of practical activities for the children to get involved with to further their understanding.

In Maths we will be reviewing topics that we have already studied this year, deepening our understanding and applying our knowledge to more complicated problem solving. We will be covering fractions, multiplication (please keep practising your times tables), decimals and formal written methods for the four operations.



UNCRC article focus: 17: I have the right to get information in lots of ways, so long as it is safe.
29: I have the right to an education which develops my personality, respect for others' rights and 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 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:

Weekly homework will alternate between English and Maths this term. Please ensure that all homework books are in on or before Wednesday. Spellings and times tables are tested on Thursdays.



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.
- Date for the diary: Walk to School week 5th May.
- Spellings are sent home and tested on Thursdays.