



Four Lanes Community Junior School

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1 2017



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A warm welcome to Year 3 and to Four Lanes Junior School!

We have had a fantastic start to the year and the children have settled into their new school and classes with enthusiasm. We have been busy learning all about our school values and our rights and responsibilities; understanding how we will use them to become both better learners and part of a successful school community. We love to share our work so feel free to drop by to have a look at some of the interesting things we have been working on. We look forward to working in partnership with you



Main topics and learning this term:

The Secret Life of Plants

Wonderful Woodlands

The first topic this half term will be 'The Secret Life of Plants' in science. We will be learning all the fascinating facts about plant types, functions, life-cycles and their requirements for life. We may even have our own strange and unusual class plants to take care of!

Geography will be our main topic this half term and will launch with a very exciting woodland day. The children will participate in a variety of forestry skills and outdoor lessons. During the main part of the topic we will identify and visit local woodland, learn about ancient woodland sites and forest habitats and finding out about the animals living in them.

To link with our woodland unit we will be completing a fiction unit in English, using the picture book "A Tail of Two Beasts", as well as creating our own woodland poems. We will also be looking at the work of artist Andy Goldsworthy, to take inspiration for our own woodland collages using natural materials. We are really excited about this topic and we are sure the children will be too! Please ask them to share their new learning with you and the rest of the family.



In Maths we will be working on understanding numbers and how they are made. We will secure knowledge of place value and number bonds before moving on to calculations.



Should you have any further question regarding the curriculum this half term please contact Mrs Hathway-Bell or your child's class teacher.

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.

Learning and revising number bonds and multiplication facts is an integral part of maths as the skills are used in many areas of the subject. Please practise regularly with your child. There are lots of excellent resources available for free online. Please feel free to ask staff for ideas.

Please record any activities that your child undertakes in their Home-link Book and ensure these are in school each day.

Homework:

This is set weekly on a Friday for return on the following Wednesday. This half term Maths and English homework will be set on alternate weeks. Please look out for this and encourage your children to work effectively, carefully but as independently as possible. Where they have received any guidance from you, please note this in the book to enable us to support them further in school.

Meet the teacher:

An open afternoon to meet your child's teacher and see their learning environment will take place on Thursday 21st September at 2.45pm.

A few reminders:

- PE will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays 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.
- If you have an hour or two spare to help in Year 3 or can join us on one of our forthcoming trips, we would be hugely grateful. Please contact your child's teacher to offer your services - it would be greatly appreciated!