

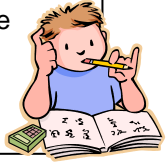
Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 1 2017

5M Mr Millard (Year Leader), 5I Mrs Ibbotson, 5G Miss Green
Supported by our LSAs Mrs Gill, Mrs Nash

Welcome back to school, Year 5 and an exciting and challenging year of learning. I know you'll join us in welcoming Mrs Gill to the Year 5 family. We hope everyone will soon feel at home and ready to enjoy the new experiences and challenges our busy term ahead will bring!
Please ask your children to explain their learning powers, if they can't remember please ask them to find out!
We look forward to working in partnership with you this year and thank you for your support.



Main topics and learning this term:

Topic: It's All Greek to Me

Science: Let There Be Light

As part of becoming part of the upper school and the most responsible members of our school community, the children will develop their understanding of the Rights, Respects and Responsibilities they have. We will look carefully at how we can live and learn together under the UN's Convention on the Rights of the Child. We are looking to make sure all children continue to feel safe and happy in the school environment.

In our topic we are building an understanding of the legacy of the Ancient Greeks. We will look at democracy, daily life, Athenians & Spartans, the Gods and finally warfare.

Year 5 will be putting the pieces into place for the first module of English which is writing their own ancient myths. Initially creating amazing mythical creatures to live in their labyrinths. These will be created following their topic launch day on Wednesday.

In our Science we are looking at light, where it comes from and how we interact with it. We will visit Queen Mary's College to take advantage of the more sophisticated scientific equipment they have to offer. We have also arranged for the mobile planetarium from the Winchester Science Centre to visit school. This opportunity will allow children to experience the universe in 3D.

Phase 1 of our Maths learning will cover: Place Value, with numbers up to six digits; Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division using problem-solving throughout. The aim of this learning is to give each child an ability to be flexible in the strategies they use. This is because the children will now need to find more than one answer in order to solve a problem. We will be re-visiting learning on decimals, fractions, data handling, within real-life problems. The children will also be developing their rapid recall of multiplication and division tables up to 12 x 12 - keeping up the practice is key!

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:

This is set weekly on a Friday for return on the following Wednesday. This half term Maths and English homework activities will be set on alternate weeks, starting with maths. 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.

A few reminders:

- PE will take place on Tuesday 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 everyday of the week - just in case.
- Our School Library time is on a Monday afternoon.
- We already have some very kind volunteers that hear your children read (THANK YOU!!!) but we always welcome additional help. If you have an hour or two to spare then please contact your child's teacher to offer your services - it would be greatly appreciated.
- We have a 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon next Monday at 2.45pm. This will be an opportunity for you to hear about the expectations in Year 5 and also to help set the first curriculum targets for your child.

