

Four Lanes Community Junior School

Year 3 Curriculum News

Summer 1 - 2018

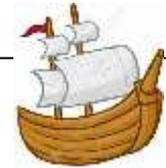


Year Leader: Mrs Walton-Jones **3ST:** Ms Turner, **3OB:** Mr O'Brien **3WB:** Mrs Walton-Jones / Mrs Breen
LSAs: Mrs Mill & Mrs Wray

Welcome to the Summer term! Firstly, thank you so much for returning the Roman shields after the holidays. They look absolutely fantastic along the corridor and have now been added to with some beautiful mosaics that the children made on the first days back which we used to complete our Roman studies. This term we will be moving on to study a geography based topic around Explorers. We will also be covering a range of units for English work, including: poetry, instructions and story writing.



Main topics and learning this half term:



Coding

Explorers

Digestion

This half term our main topic area will be explorers. This topic will allow us to think about famous expeditions and the brave explorers who made them. It will help us to learn more about the geography of the World, how transport was used and what impact these explorations had for us. We will also link this topic with some history and consider how exploring has changed with the development of technology.

In computing we will be studying coding through the use of a program called Scratch. We will learn how to use code to control a pixie, creating code to make it move in different directions and do all sorts of interesting things!

In science, we will be thinking about the Human digestive system. We will work our way through the Human body, considering how food is used to provide us with energy. This will be a great opportunity to learn about how our body works and why it is so important to have a healthy, balanced diet.

Our topic will link to lots of other aspects of the curriculum:

- We will be reading books based around famous explorations and learn about some of the most famous explorers of history.
- In English we will be creating poems, using vocabulary for effect, and writing adventure stories.
- We are learning about sea shanties which would have been sung as explorers sailed the seas!
- In DT we will be thinking about healthy eating and making sandwiches.
- In Maths we will be consolidating our knowledge of the four rules and calculation methods.



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 read on a regular basis regardless of their ability (ideally daily and at least three times a week). If your child has Bug Club, please help them use it.
- Please encourage the use of Grammar and Spelling bug to support the children with their learning in these areas.
- Constant revision of multiplication and division facts will always be useful; Mymaths and Woodlands Maths Zone are useful.
- Please record any activities that your child undertakes in their Home-link Book and ensure these are in school each day.
- Times tables knowledge is a large part of the lower Key Stage 2 curriculum, especially with the introduction of the **tables test next year**. Please work with your child regularly to keep their tables knowledge fluent, by chanting / singing the whole table (1x5=5) so that they can recall the facts quickly.

Homework Project: This term's homework will be set on alternate weeks with spellings sent home each Friday as usual.

Request: Please ensure your child brings their book to school each day as we have a range of times when it could be needed throughout the week, for example for paired reading which takes place on a Friday or for reading with an adult during Monday, Tuesday or Thursday afternoons.

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 school every day of the week; just in case.
- Our School Library time is on a Thursday afternoon.
- Spellings are sent home and tested on Fridays.

