

Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter Summer 2018

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Welcome back after the Half Term break and Calshot Week. We trust you and the children have enjoyed the time and are ready for the final few weeks of their primary education. It's an interesting and busy time and we try to make sure that final memories are happy and focus on the joys of learning. We have the end of year production, Sports Day and the Think Safe trip all coming up *and* we will still be working on the topics that we outlined in the last Curriculum Newsletter. There is still so much to do, I wonder if we can fit it all in!

Main topics and learning this term:

An Ancient Civilisation – The Mayans

Life Cycles and Adaptation

The children have already started to learn about the arts and crafts of the ancient Mayan people; to learn about the skills of a historian and handle facsimile artefacts. Now we will start to engage in research projects about different people in the society, the religion of the Maya, how the lives of the rich and poor were contrasted, the way to play Pok-a-Tok (AKA The Mayan Ball Game) and what caused the decline of the civilisation.

Science learning will concentrate on the different variations of organisms around the world. Following on from watching "Big Cats", the children will consider how a species is adapted to different environments and the detail of the differences according to where the creature lives in the world.

For English, our final unit is a study of Suffragettes. In the centenary of Women's Suffrage, the children will consider how and why women campaigned for a universal franchise and then create different texts, such as newspapers, newsreels, and letters to explain what happened on Derby Day in 1913.

Finally the children will be preparing, rehearsing, building and putting-on an end of year production. We are holding auditions now and will be deep in rehearsals next week until July.

Key dates:

13th June – Think Safe Trip

22nd June – Sports Day

5th AND 6th July - Secondary Transition Day

(unless your child's secondary has told you an alternative day)

16th and 17th July – Year Five and Six Production – please could all children be available?

UNCRC article focus: 6: *I have the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.*
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:

- Daily reading and times tables practice remain invaluable to your child's learning. Please record these activities in the home-link book. Use Bug Club, Grammar Bug and tesspag.com
- Use www.mymaths.co.uk or www.SpellingFrame.co.uk websites to engage children with interactive games to support their learning

Homework:

The final homework is the grid of different options to show what children have learned about the Mayan civilisation.

Please complete projects by Friday, 13th July.

A few reminders:

- PE will still take place on **Tuesdays 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.**