

Four Lanes Community Junior School

Year 3 Curriculum News

Summer 2 - 2018



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We can hardly believe that we are now in the last half term! May we take this opportunity to say thank you to you for your support and assistance over the year. We have really enjoyed working with you and your children this year and your help has been greatly appreciated.

This term we will continue our Explorers topic, focussing on our geographical knowledge of the UK and the World. We will also be enjoying the opportunity to learn how to use watercolour paints and create our own pieces of art with them. In PE we will be taking part in athletics activities as preparation for our Sports Day.



Main topics and learning this half term:



Electricity

Explorers

Art - Seascapes

This half term we will be learning about a range of genres in English. We will be studying diary writing, instruction texts, information texts and performance poetry. We will link our diary writing to books we have been studying in Guided Reading and writing in character. Our information texts will be based around our topic; we will be finding out about countries in our computing lessons and creating our texts based on them.

In science, we will be learning about electricity. We began our topic with a visit to QMC this week and we will now continue to develop our understanding with our work back at school.

Our topic will link to other aspects of the curriculum:

- We will be learning about time in maths and using this knowledge to explore our sporting capabilities!
- In art, we will be studying the work of William Turner, creating our own pieces based on his work,
- In Maths we will be consolidating our knowledge of the four rules and calculation methods.
- Our instruction writing will be based on our science work, as we will be creating instructions on how to make an electrical circuit.

Article 14 The right to be respected

Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights of parents to give their children guidance about this right.



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.



Article 30 The right to learn

Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.



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. 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 English and Maths 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 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.

