

# Four Lanes Community Junior School



## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1 2018

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Welcome back to school, Year 5 and an exciting and challenging year of learning. We hope everyone will soon feel settled in Upper School and ready to enjoy the new experiences and challenges our busy term ahead will bring! We have hit the ground running and have had a very busy two weeks embedding our school values, finding out what a Year 5 learner looks like and exploring e-safety.

We are looking forward to seeing you next week at our Meet the Teacher afternoon and look forward to working with you this year.



### Main topics and learning this term:

#### Topic: It's All Greek to Me

#### Science: Let There Be Light

As part of being in 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 as a community 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.

After exploring some Greek mythical creatures as part of our topic launch afternoon, we look forward to seeing some creative outcomes from the children as they design their own creatures to feature in their myths that they will be writing in English later in the half term.

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.

Phase1 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 and 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 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 everyday of the week - just in case.
- Our School Library time is on a Thursday afternoon.
- We already have some very kind volunteers that hear our 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 on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 2.45pm. This will be an opportunity for you to hear about the expectations in Year 5 and also to learn a bit more about strategies for reading with your child.