

Four Lanes Community Junior School

Year 3 Curriculum News

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The Year 3 team would like to offer a very warm welcome to all the Year 3 children and parents. We hope you have had a good summer holiday and feel refreshed and ready for an exciting year. Thank you for returning such wonderful postcards; the children were excited to see that they had arrived and were displayed in the classrooms. Thank you too, to those people who have helped the children to participate in our reading challenge. We have some fantastic photos in our reading areas. We can't wait to see what else appears throughout the year!

The children are beginning to settle in and we are working hard with their PSHE work during our first two weeks. During this first half term there will be opportunities for you to learn more about what your child is up to in Year 3; we will be taking a trip around our local area and will need volunteers to join us. We are also looking to find some parent helpers who are able to come in and hear readers for us. This could be for 30 minutes at the start of every day or some time at the end of the school day. Please email the office if you are able to help with this and we will get in contact with you.

Main topics and learning this half term:

Science

WOODLANDS

Geography



This half term our main topic area is 'Wonderful Woodlands' – an exciting History topic where the children will be learning to:

During this topic, we will be learning about:

- Woodlands as habitats, the plants and animals which live there
- Land use and the impacts it has
- How woodlands develop and why they are destroyed

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

- In Art, we will be looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy.
- In Science, we will be investigating what plants need to grow healthily, the parts of a flowering plant, and about different types of plants.
- In English, we will be thinking about stories which are based in woodlands, before moving on to write information texts about woodland animals.



Throughout our curriculum, our learning will link to the UN convention on the Rights of the Child.

The children are learning about these rights and how to talk about these rights in respect to their learning.



How you can support your child's learning at home:

- Reading is 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.
- Constant revision of multiplication and division facts will always be useful. Time Table Rock Stars is a useful site.
- Please record any activities that your child undertakes in their Home-link Book.

Homework Homework will be set on a weekly basis. The instructions will be recorded in the children's Home-link books and the task should be completed in their Homework books. Please ensure children use pencil to write and colouring pencils to colour, in them. We believe presentation is important and therefore ask that felt-tips, biro's, etc. are not used and that books are treated with as much pride as the rest of their school books.

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 Wednesday afternoon. This is the children's chance to change their library books each week so please help us by reminding the children to bring their books back each week.
- Spellings are sent home and tested on Fridays.
- Reading books and Home Link books must be in school every day.