

# Four Lanes Community Junior School



## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2 2018

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Welcome back after the half term break! The children have had a very busy first term as members of Year 5 and we have been impressed by how they are growing into their new role in the Upper School. We have some fantastic parent helpers already who are doing a brilliant job in helping support reading in Year 5, if anyone else is able to help out we would be really grateful. Thank you for your continued support. It is great so see so much reading being recorded by the children in their home link books.



### Main topics and learning this term:

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

#### Science: Space

The children have really enjoyed our Ancient Greek topic so far. Highlights have included making sand mazes and creating mythical beasts out of plasticine to feature in their English myths. In our Greek topic this half term we will specifically look at:

- The start of Democracy in the modern world
- The basis of the modern legal system
- The importance of the Olympic Games



Within maths we are beginning our learning by looking at reading graphs and timetables. We are then moving on to learning about fractions.

The children's own Greek Myths will soon be coming home to you for you to appreciate. We hope that you will enjoy reading the work that they have produced - the children are looking forward to getting feedback from their intended audience. Once we have finished our myths we will be moving on to a week of focused grammar work followed by non-chronological reports.



Last half term in gymnastics the children learned a number of partner balances and counter balances. They will now be using this learning to incorporate the balances into their own gymnastic routines to music.

Our Science topic for this half term is Space and we are looking forward to learning about this fascinating topic and creating some space related artwork as well. As part of their learning the children will have the opportunity to ask a NASA engineer their space related questions!



#### 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. Please also make use of Spelling and Grammar Bug. 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 half term the children will have a project grid from which they will be able to select activities of interest to them to complete over the half term. We look forward to seeing the range of learning that they complete. Maths homework will still be sent out fortnightly (to be completed Friday-Wednesday as previously) and spellings continue as before.

#### A few reminders:

- PE will take place on **TUESDAYS** 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 every day of the week - just in case.
- Our School Library time is on a Thursday afternoon.