

# Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter  
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Supported by our LSAs: Mrs Wheeler, Mrs Nash and Mrs Adamiec

Happy New Year!

Thank you for all of your festive good wishes and gifts, they were very much appreciated. We hope you all had a good break over the Christmas holidays. The children have settled back in to school life really quickly and are already impressing us with their attitude to learning. We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Wheeler to our Y5 team as our new LSA. Mrs Adamiec will still be working with the children on Tuesday afternoons and during PPA on a Wednesday. If anyone is able to come in to hear readers we would be really grateful for your help.

## Main topics and learning this term:

Topic: Rivers

Science: Electricity

We have a geography topic this term on rivers. The children will be exploring both physical and human features and touch on some of the more contentious issues that surround water consumption on our planet. We are looking forward to next week's lesson where we will be constructing river models using sand and resources from our grounds. Within this learning we will also be finding out about the water cycle, which is the focus of our PE dance unit until half term.



Our Rivers theme also links to our English writing. We have already considered water as a precious commodity through the story of Zhara where we thought carefully about the rights of the child in the video – ask your children to fill you in!

In science we will be learning about electrical circuits. We will need this knowledge to help us with our D.T. project of designing and building a lifting bridge to help cross a scaled river.

'Going for Goals' is our topic for this half term in PSHEE and the children will be considering the attributes needed to be a positive learner and will also get the opportunity to show the attributes of a good teacher as they teach each other new skills.

Unfortunately the funding for Bikeability which we have received in the past has now been cut. This means that we are unable to offer this scheme again this year as the cost is too high. We are however looking forward to swimming lessons which will start shortly after half term.

### 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:

Well done to all the children for the fantastic efforts they went to in creating their projects last half term. It was lovely to see the pride they showed in their achievements. This term the homework will alternate with Maths one week and English the next. However, we will set one maths homework a month that children complete on Mymaths. **Therefore within a month there will be a maths paperwork** task followed by an English task, then a Mymaths based activity followed by another English task (to be completed Friday-Wednesday as previously). 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 everyday of the week - just in case.
- Our School Library time is on a Thursday afternoon.