

# Four Lanes Community Junior School



## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1 2020

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The Year 5 team would like to offer a very warm welcome back to all the Year 5 children and parents – it has been an absolute joy to have the children back in our classrooms! We understand that some of you may have been feeling a little anxious about returning to school but we have been working hard to ensure the children feel settled and have talked them through all of the changes that have been put in place to keep them safe. We have been focused on helping the children to reacclimatise to being back at school and socialising with others by having a PSHE focus on relationships and belonging and the children have already shown us what fantastic members of the Upper School they are going to be! We look forward to sharing their work and successes with you via the Year 5 Facebook Group and the school website. Due to the arrangements put in place due to Covid-19 we are currently unable to talk to you at the classroom door but if you need to speak to your child's teacher about anything please do not hesitate to write a note in the Home-Link Book or contact the school office and we will get back to you as soon as we can.



### Main topics and learning this term:

Topic: Ancient Greeks



### Values we will be exploring this term:

Responsibility

Power

We have an exciting term of learning ahead of us! We will be building an understanding of the legacy of the Ancient Greeks. We will look at democracy, daily life, Athenians & Spartans, the Gods and finally warfare. This learning is going to be centred on two key values: responsibility and power. We will be asking questions about how these values influenced the Greeks and how they also influence our present lives. This will help the children to develop their understanding of the Rights, Respect and Responsibilities they have and link their learning to the UN's Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We will also be using the Ancient Greeks as a stimulus for our English work. This term we will be creating our own mythical beasts and writing stories based on the traditional Ancient Greek myths. This topic will also inspire some explanation texts and journalistic writing. We can't wait to share their work with you!



In Maths we will begin by looking at place value, addition and subtraction. We will also be covering some of the units of work that children did not complete in school last year to ensure that they do not have any gaps in their learning. The first of these units will be 'Time'. It would be fantastic if you could encourage your child to read the time to you from different types of clocks at home and if you could challenge them to work out durations of time e.g. if I put the chicken in the oven at 15.45 and take it out at 17.20 how long has it been cooking for?

Our Science topic is 'Light'; we will be exploring different light sources and setting up investigations to find out how light travels.

#### 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.
- Constant revision of multiplication and division facts will always be useful. Your child's Times Table Rock Stars and My Maths login details will be stuck into their Home-Link Books. Please encourage them to access these websites.
- Please record any activities that your child undertakes in their Home-Link Book.

#### Homework

Homework will be set weekly on a Friday for return on the following Wednesday. It is a more formal style this year with Maths and English homework activities set over the half term on alternate weeks, starting with Maths. Please encourage your children to work as independently as possible so that they have the opportunity to apply their school learning to home tasks.

Spellings will be recorded in Home-Link Books and Spelling Shed will be used to help the children work on these at home.

#### A few reminders:

- Due to the staggered school timetable, the morning session for Year 5 is quite long. **Please provide a healthy morning snack (fresh fruit or vegetables or pure dried fruit only)** (not the wafers or pieces as these have added sugar) **and a named, clear water bottle** for your child to help them maintain their energy levels until lunch.
- P.E. will take place on Mondays and Thursdays this term. **5KS must come to school wearing their P.E. kit on Mondays and must bring their school uniform to change into.** 5EB and 5LS need to bring their P.E. kit into school on Mondays and they will come home wearing it. **All Year 5 classes must come to school wearing their P.E. kits on Thursdays and bring their school uniform to change into.**
- Our School Library slot is on a Wednesday afternoon. This will be a fortnightly session to begin with and books will be quarantined at school between users. If you have any outstanding library books at home please remind your child to return these so that they are able to take out new books.
- Although we cannot currently have additional adults in school, it would be fantastic to plan ahead for when we can have volunteers to help listen to readers. If you have any amount of time to spare then please contact your child's teacher to offer your services; it would be greatly appreciated.
- Reading books and home link books must be in school every day please.