

Four Lanes Community Junior School

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2 2016



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Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. Thank you for all your hard work and for the hours you have spent with your children helping with their homework, creating leaflets about our school. We have also had a few Roman shields in already. The deadline is not until 21st March so don't panic if your child has not started theirs yet – they will be able to take added inspiration from those on display around the school. You may wish to create a few extras, such as helmets, swords, daggers or even sandals. This term's new English topic on myths and legends is based on the story of The Sword in the Stone. If you have any myths and legends books or stories at home, these would be great to share with your children over the next few weeks. You may even want to visit your local library and investigate different Celt and Roman myths and legends at home.

Main topics and learning this half term:

Good to be Me!

Chaotic Celts!

Solids, Liquids and Gases

The PSHEE / SEAL topic is entitled Good To Be Me! We will be exploring how each of us is special and celebrating both similarities and differences. We will also be undertaking the Year 3 Sex Education programme for which a separate letter will be sent out shortly. Our new Science topic is Solids, Liquids and gases and we will be attempting a number of exciting experiments in our Science lessons over the next few weeks.

This half term our main topic area is still Chaotic Celts but our focus turns to the Roman Invasion and the legacy left by the Roman civilisation. We will be hiring the huge trunk of artefacts from Hampshire Wardrobe again to investigate what Roman armour felt like to wear and what archaeology of artefacts can tell us about the past.

Our Chaotic Celts topic will link to lots of other aspects of the curriculum:

- We are reading and studying a book called The Sword in the Stone to investigate Legends
- In English we will be writing our own ending to The Sword in the Stone
- We are leaning about marching songs, pulse and rhythm in Music
- In DT we will be completing our Celtic purses
- In Maths we are learning to use Roman Numerals to tell the time

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

- Practise typing skills using the games on the website: www.sense-lang.org/typing
- Use the internet's Maths Zones to investigate number games
- Practise times tables and play tables games
- Practise handwriting, concentrating on even size of lower case and neat joins, particularly horizontal joins from o and r
- Learn more about solids, liquids and gases and their different properties
- Borrow books from the library about Myths and Legends and The Romans

Dates for your diary:

Homework Project for 21st March:

Our project is to design and make a life-size Roman shield! This term's Maths homework will be set on alternate weeks with spellings sent home each Friday as usual.

End of unit outcome:

We are pleased to announce that Year 3 will be hosting a Celtic/Roman Workshop on the afternoon of Monday 21st March in our school hall. You will personally be invited to join us to sample a variety of activities which will enable the children to demonstrate their many skills. How very exciting!

Parents Evenings:

Tuesday 15th March 4–6:30pm and
Wednesday 16th March 5:30-8:00pm

- If you would like to be a regular parent helper please speak to your child's class teacher as we are always keen for helpers to hear readers or support with art activities etc.