

# Four Lanes Community Junior School



## Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter Summer 2015

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Well, here we are and it is already the summer term. Hopefully the days of April showers are disappearing and we will no longer need to wade through the puddles in order to make it to the classroom door. This term is always busy with a whole host of different activities taking place all of which contribute to our overwhelming aim to ensure your child has the skills they require to prepare them for secondary school and the big wide world!



### Main topics and learning this term:

#### An Ancient Civilisation – The Mayans

#### Science: Microbes

During this term we will be covering a wide variety of different topics. However, the main focus of our work is centred round the ancient civilisation of South America – The Mayans; a civilisation which contrasts significantly with our own world. We will be investigating how we can use existing evidence to make decisions about how civilisation arose, adapted and fell. Interestingly it will include a consideration of the differences in values placed upon human life and the purpose of work, home- life, writing, mathematics and sport and how their society worked.

Our Science focuses on the huge impact that the tiny world of microbiology has on our lives. We will work towards understanding the nature of micro-organisms and how some can be harmful to health whilst others beneficial in a range of ways including in medicine, food production and as decomposers and digesters.

Through PSHEE the children will learn about the working world and begin to consider their place, dreams and aspirations with in that. The visitors we have had in the past have enthralled the children and helped them discuss thoughts that build more informed choices about the range of work outside their personal understanding.

In Year 6 we are very aware that this is your child's final term at 'Four Lanes'. During this time we will be ensuring that your child is fully prepared for their transition to secondary school, liaising carefully with each school but also making sure that their final months with us are action packed and event filled.

Of course there is also SATs week this half term. We are busy preparing your children for this week and have been impressed by the preparation the children have done over Easter. Many thanks to parents who are helping their children understand the importance of the assessments with an appropriate perspective. The children will feel confident without believing the tests are a 'be all and end all'.

A highlight this term will be the Year 5 and 6 joint production and our trip to Calshot. More details of this will follow soon.

**Key dates :** SAT's : 9<sup>th</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> May, Calshot Residential Visit: 4<sup>th</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> July, Year 5/6 Production: 18th / 19th July.

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

- Reading is fundamental to help your child further their 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
- Please record any activities that your child undertakes in their Home-link Book.

#### Homework:

Homework is set weekly on a Friday, for return on the following Wednesday. Maths or English and spelling work will be set each week. Homework is designed to complement and reinforce the work we complete in class.

Bug club, My Maths, TESPAG.

#### **A few reminders:**

- PE will still take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays 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.
- We always welcome additional help in school so if you have an hour or two to spare then please contact your child's teacher to offer your services. It would be greatly appreciated.
- If you feel like you could talk to us about your 'world of work', please let us know!