

# Four Lanes Community Junior School

Year 3 Curriculum News

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It was lovely to see so many of you at our first topic outcome; the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their badger facts with you and they found the feedback quite beneficial. We look forward to seeing you all at the forthcoming Parents Evening where we can discuss with you how your child is settling in, how proud we are of their hard work so far and how we can further support their learning journey.

The children are very much looking forward to our visit to Chineham Library on 10<sup>th</sup> November and our walk to Razor's Farm on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November. We have once again requested for dry days for both of these outings so here's hoping!

As we rapidly approach Christmas, preparations will begin for the Lower School Christmas Play. Please make a note in your diaries of the dates: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 6pm and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.

## Main topics and learning this half term:

Longitudinal Study

**WOODLANDS**

Christmas

**This half term our main topic area continues to be Woodlands with a focus on changing land use over periods of time. There does seem to be some sign of development starting at Razor's Farm and the children will have the opportunity to compare photographs from our previous visits.**

Our Science unit will be investigating how to plan and set up a longitudinal study which will last throughout the academic year. The children are quite intrigued by the prospect of creating an experiment to observe over such a long period of time and have suggested very interesting ideas themselves.

In Art we will be studying the work of Andy Goldsworthy, a British sculptor, photographer and environmentalist who creates site-specific sculpture and land art situated in natural and urban settings. We will be creating collage in line with our topic.

Our Christmas unit in RE is called 'Angels'. Alongside this we will be practising our performance skills, learning songs and working with Year 4 to put on a fantastic production for you.

In Maths we will be continuing work on multiplication and division; then moving onto look at fractions and time. In Geometry we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes.

In English we will be completing our unit on persuasion and then going on to studying narrative poetry. The children will also be doing a recount and will be using their Christmas play as the stimulus.

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

- Counting in different steps, forwards and backwards, particularly crossing the 100 boundary.
- Practise handwriting, making sure letters are evenly sized and there are spaces between words.
- Learn times tables – there are lots of resources in shops to help eg. Times tables CDs.
- Daily reading practise.
- Borrow books from the library about farm land, land use, housing / development or maybe search for books about Andy Goldsworthy or the Christmas Story.

### Topic Learning Outcome

We would like to invite you in again on the afternoon of 12<sup>th</sup> December to share and celebrate your child's work this half term. Times to follow.

### Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a weekly basis and will be either an English or maths based task.

- 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.