

# Four Lanes Community Junior School

Year 3 Curriculum News

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Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a relaxing break. It has been lovely to hear what the Children have been up to over their holidays. We have launched straight back into our learning with a fun-packed Celtic day. However, we did have time to enjoy 'Cinderella' the panto which the Year 3 children particularly enjoyed at the end of the first week back. The children are excited about our forthcoming trip to Butser Ancient Farm and learning more about the Celtic way of life.



## Main topics and learning this half term:

Magnets

CELTS

Databases

**This half term our main topic area is Chaotic Celts – an exciting History topic where the children will be learning to:**

- Suggest a suitable range of Historical questions, and use a range of skills to help them Celtic Britain
- Explore a range of primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations and communicate their findings using appropriate vocabulary.
- Recognise and explain different viewpoints about invaders and settlers.
- Describe how invasions changed the culture of Britain.
- Explain the significance and contribution of the Roman Legacy



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

- We are studying a book by Terry Deary (author of Horrible Histories) called The Captive Celt to help us learn about narrative writing.
- We will be writing a recount of our trip to Butser ancient farm and producing a leaflet to persuade people to visit there.
- In DT we will make Celtic purses.
- We are learning about the properties of magnets and magnetic materials in Science.
- In Maths we are continuing to consolidate strategies for the four operations. We will be looking to develop our understanding fractions, measures and time. All of these topic require quick recall of times tables so please keep working on them at home.

### 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 read on a regular basis regardless of their ability. 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

Homework will continue to be set on a weekly basis and will be either an English or Maths based task for this half term.

Our next homework project will be set after half term and will be a hands-on Roman creation.

### **A few reminders:**

- PE will take place on Wednesdays and Mondays 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 every day of the week; just in case.
- Our School Library time is on a Thursday afternoon.
- Dates for the diary: 26<sup>th</sup> January – Trip to Butser Farm. 20<sup>th</sup> February -Half Term, 27<sup>th</sup> February -INSET
- Spellings are sent home and tested on Fridays.