

# Four Lanes Community Junior School

Year 3 Curriculum News

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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. This term's new English topic on myths and legends is based on the story of Romulus and Remus. 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 Roman myths and legends at home.

## Main topics and learning this half term:

Good to be Me

Rotten Romans

Solids, Liquids and Gases

This half term our main topic area, following from our learning about the Celts, is Rotten Romans. The children will be exploring why the Romans chose to leave behind sunny Italy to come and settle in England. We will be researching a range of aspects of Roman daily life as well as investigating the legacy of the Romans.



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.

Our Rotten Romans topic will link to lots of other aspects of the curriculum:

- We are reading and studying the Roman myth "Romulus and Remus"
- In English we will be writing our own newspaper reports based on Romulus and Remus
- We are leaning about marching songs, pulse and rhythm in Music
- In DT we will be completing our Celtic purses before starting our unit on nutrition.
- In Maths we are learning to use Roman Numerals to tell the time



Our learning continues to link to the UN convention on the Rights of the Child. The children are able to talk about these rights in respect of their learning.

### 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 Project:**

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:**

This will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> April in our school hall. Further information will be sent out nearer the end of term.

### **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: Pupil Led Learning Reviews 14.03.17, Red Nose Day 24.03.17, Ground Force Day 25.03.17, Topic Outcome 2.45pm 03.05.17
- Spellings are sent home and tested on Fridays.