

Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter Summer 2 2017

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Half way through the Summer Term already and what a way to start the half term - our week at Calshot! An outstanding week was had by all and we commend the children on their risk taking and behaviour choices. It is our last Curriculum Newsletter to you so we'd like to take the opportunity to thank you for the support you have given us and to let you know that we have thoroughly enjoyed working with your children; we are very proud of the progress they have made and impressed by the attitude they have adopted towards learning. We hope they find things to enjoy this half term and wish them much luck in the future.

Main topics and learning this term:

An Ancient Civilisation – The Mayans

Science: Life cycles

During this half 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 Central 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 the civilisation rose, 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; all part of how their society worked. We will also use this topic to stimulate our DT projects where the children will explore weaving and sewing techniques.

Our Science focuses on life cycles of animals and we begin our theme of 'The Working World' in PSHEE where children will consider their place, dreams and aspirations through discussions with visitors who will help them explore their paths towards and through careers. Furthermore we will be looking at British Values focusing on Democracy with a visit from The Houses of Parliament Outreach team. PSHEE will also touch on the transition days the children will have at their new secondary schools – a very exciting time, but also one where nerves may start a jangling, so please be aware of any 'fall out'.

A highlight this term will be the Year 5 and 6 production: 'Darwin Rocks' which we will begin rehearsing shortly. Remember to book your tickets and organise a babysitter for any children for the evening performances although they are welcome to see their siblings at work in the matinee performance.



Key dates: Sports Day Friday 23rd
School Summer Fete – Saturday 24th June
Transition Days for secondary: check your child's secondary school diaries for these – slight variations
Parliament Outreach visit Democracy day 10th July
Year 5/6 Production: 18th / 19th July
Year 6 Leaver's party 24th July during the school day.

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

- As ever, 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 x table facts will always be useful to keep skills up to take next year to secondary school
- Please record any activities that your child undertakes in their Home-link Book.

Homework:

The majority of Homework this half term will be project based - the children have already had their choice grids; deadlines will be given at regular intervals to the children but essentially they need to earn 50 points by the beginning of July. They may also be given short Maths or English activities to support learning in class.

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 every day 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 (especially for scenery construction!) it would be greatly appreciated.
- A simple costume request may be appearing soon – keep your eyes peeled!