

# Four Lanes Community Junior School



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter  
Autumn 2 2017

**3HB:** Mrs C Hathway-Bell and Mrs F Breen, **3T:** Ms S Turner, **3OB:** Mr J O'Brien  
**LSAs:** Mrs V Ellis , Mrs A Mill and Ms T Wray.

We are absolutely delighted with how the children have settled in to Year 3; their positive attitudes and enthusiasm for learning! A big thank you for the great attendance at our learning outcome afternoon! It was a real pleasure to share our learning with you and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They are looking forward to sharing more with you in the future.

We are welcoming a new team member this half term, Mrs. Wray, who will be joining us as an LSA to support the learning in each class.

Finally, we have two trips this half term; one to the library and one to a road safety workshop with Gist. If you are available to volunteer your time on either of these trips we would be most grateful.



## Main topic and learning this term:

### Changes In Chineham



Our topic this half term is a local study of Chineham and how it has changed over time. The children will be comparing uses of land and how over time it has been developed and changed. They will be looking at how modern life has affected wildlife in the local area and how it has adapted to accommodate. Children will then consider the future of the area. As part of the learning process, they will have the opportunity to read OS maps and think like town planners.

In Maths this half term the children will continue to consolidate number work, including the four operations and written calculations. They will also be covering problem solving, measures, money, statistics and shape.



As part of English learning this half term the children will be developing their ability to persuade! They will also be developing their learning from last term to write a newspaper report. Finally, they will be moving onto poetry, as we finish the first term with a narrative poetry unit on the beautiful book 'Coming Home'.

In science the children will design a longitudinal study. The study will investigate the practice of chitting potatoes at the incorrect time of year. This will allow them to ask questions and investigate over a significant period of time. Children will make predictions and give explanations based on their knowledge from plants last half term.

The theme in art is drawing and basic pencil skills, which will include: shading skills and drawing perspective. We will then apply these new skills to creating a landscape picture linked with our topic.

As part of music this half term the children will be working on their singing techniques and learning songs in preparation for our Christmas production.



Our learning continues to link to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. UNCRC: This term's focus is Article 12: You have the right to give your opinion and for it to be taken seriously.

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

- It is really lovely to see children reading so frequently at home! Please continue to reinforce your child's love of reading.
- Reading a wide variety of books and texts at home is really helpful. As you are aware we are visiting the local library this half term to teach children how to make the most of the services and to sign up if they are not currently a member. A regular visit to the library with your child would make a valuable contribution to their reading and is a great way of ensuring their reading diet is varied.

### Homework:

. We are having a big focus on multiplication and division facts so any time at home you can devote to learning and rehearsing these, would be of great benefit. There will be project homework for the children to complete and further details will be sent home soon. Weekly spellings continue to be set.



### A few reminders:

- Parents evening 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November
- A gentle reminder that PE Kits need to be in school every Monday and Wednesday.
- As the weather is turning cooler can you please remind children that coats need to be brought into school and worn at break and lunch times.
- Library trip: 3HB Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 3OB Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November and 3ST Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.
- Gist road safety workshop on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.