

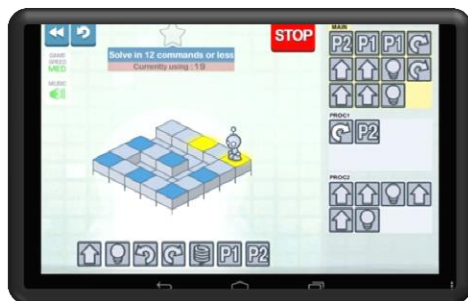
Computing & IT

Our first IT unit will be fitted into our Maya learning journey and will see the children looking at how Wikipedia works and creating their own mini version to run alongside our Maya Museum.

After half term the children will be given the opportunity to develop their own educational games using Scratch. This will

be linked to their science discoveries and test their peers on their knowledge of solids, liquids and gasses.

ICT will be embedded in many activities across the curriculum and used to enhance the children's learning and understanding. As in previous terms, the children will have the opportunity to use digital still and video cameras and publishing software to present their work in a variety of creative ways.



Lavant C.E. Primary School
Woodpecker Class Year 3/4
Curriculum outline - AUTUMN TERM 2017

TERM DATES	ends:	Wednesday 20 th December
HALF TERM:		Monday 23 rd - Friday 27 th October
INSET DAY:		Monday 30 th October

Homework

Homework tasks will continue to be set on a Friday and will need to be returned to school by the following Thursday. Tasks will be stuck into the children's homework books along with their weekly spellings to learn. Please encourage your children to make sure that their book is in the green box by the due day or their tasks won't be stuck in. Compulsory homework will always be highlighted by the use of red text. This will be learning spellings, reading with an adult and practising their target times tables. There will also be optional tasks but these will often be linked to our class learning journeys so children are always encouraged to do these also

As always your support at home is greatly valued and taking time to help the children complete the homework tasks is appreciated.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead working with your children.

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Welcome to another school year. We hope you had a wonderful summer and that everyone is feeling refreshed and looking forward to the Autumn term. Woodpeckers have all had a fantastic start to the new term and our new Year 3 children are settling in well to life in KS2. The following newsletter will give you an idea of some of the exciting opportunities in store for the children over the coming weeks.

Our First Learning Journey

The children will be engaged in a range of learning journeys this term, challenging their thinking and pushing their learning limits. Learning journeys are designed to be clear, concise units of work which link concepts together in a natural way to create the best learning experience for the children in our school. Our first learning journey takes us to the ancient Maya civilisation. We have started creating our Maya Artefacts and will be publishing museum fact sheets ready for the opening of Lavant's first Maya Museum later in the term. We hope you'll be able to visit!

Other learning journeys this term

Over the course of this term, the children will be engaging with a range of other learning on various subjects. Following on from the Ancient Maya, we will be undertaking an RE learning journey that will explore what Christians learn from the Creation story, they will be able to make links between Genesis 1 and what Christians believe about God. They will also go on to explore some creation stories from other cultures and religions.

After half term, our learning journeys will include a unit on 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', where the children will create the advertising package for a new and exciting chocolate bar. A scientific learning journey based on changes of state means that we will then hopefully be able to make some chocolate lolly pops and truffles. Then in our DT the children will have the opportunity to create the packaging for their confectionary.

We will finish the term with a second unit of RE that will focus on the Old Testament story of Noah and what it is like to follow God and how Bible stories demonstrate how God keeps his promises.

Other Areas of Learning

Some topics will still run alongside our learning journeys this term. For example the children will continue learning French as part of the Modern Foreign Languages curriculum. As this is new to the Year 3's we will begin with revising basic greetings, numbers, colours etc.

In Art we will be looking at patterning and how to make our own tiles for press printing.

For our PSHE the children will explore some themes linked to New Beginnings. How we can get to know each other and our talents, creating a class charter and looking at school rules, thinking about what our ideal school would be like. The children will then move on to explore how to deal with friendship issues, how to get on with others and how to cope with disputes and bullying.

Maths

We will begin the year with a strong focus on place value and the number system before moving into written calculation and arithmetic skills for addition and subtraction. Individual units of work later in the term will include Measurement, (length and time) Properties of shape and position and direction. During their time in Woodpecker class the children will need to learn all their times tables and their division facts. Each week the children will be given a timed times table test and their progress will be tracked on the stars in class. The stars will also be a visual reminder to the children which times table they should be learning at home each week. Children in Year 3 are expected to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10 times tables by the end of the year, and children in Year 4 all tables up to 12 x 12 including the related division facts. Please ask if you want some tips or advice on how to learn these at home.

Physical Education (P.E.)

Woodpeckers are starting the term with games sessions from the South Coast Sports coaches again. These are an excellent chance for the children to receive quality training in a variety of sports and will start with rugby. In addition to this they will have their swimming sessions on Thursday mornings at the Westgate Centre. After half term, when the coaches work in KS1, we will have an indoor PE session focusing on gymnastic skills. Please make sure that P.E. kits stay in school all week and as the weather is getting colder tracksuit bottoms and a change of jumper is recommended. We will still be outside - even if it is slightly damp and a soggy jumper for the remainder of the afternoon isn't much fun!