

Summer Term Tests

Parents of Year 6 children will be very aware that the National Curriculum test (NCT) week is only a few weeks away. The children are working separately from Year 5 during Monday - Thursday mornings for a few more weeks (including the test week itself on 9th - 12th May) and are focussed on their preparation for this important time. Please help your child to relax, but maintain focus during this exciting period for them. I will send out a full timetable and other information regarding the test week in the near future.



Year 5 will be sitting tests in Maths, Grammar & Spelling and Reading Comprehension at some point this half term. Although the children will be warned in advance, the test will be conducted in a much more low-key manner than the SATs test. The results of these tests help teachers to make a judgement on your child's progress, as well as giving children further insight into how test formats work.

Other information

As always, please do get in touch if you have any questions or would like to chat about anything regarding life in Pheasant Class. Mrs Goman will be available at the gate in the morning and Mr Rogers (Fridays) or I will be there after school. The Pheasant Class email address (PheasantClass@lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk) is available for general enquiries but please be aware that anything urgent will need to go through the office as usual, as the class email address is not able to be checked as regularly as the office address.

We're all looking forward to another fun, learning-filled term in Pheasant Class.

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Daniel Taylor



Lavant C.E. Primary School
Pheasant Class Year 5/6
SUMMER TERM 2023

TERM DATES	ends:	Thursday 21st July
HALF TERM:		Monday 29 th May - Friday 2 nd June
BANK HOLIDAY:		Monday 1 st May, Monday 8 th May

Welcome to the summer term. We hope you had a lovely Easter break and that everyone is feeling refreshed and looking forward to the weeks of glorious weather ahead (hopefully!). This half-term has a slightly different feel to it with children in Y5 continuing their curriculum work in class with Miss Rickard and Mrs Barber, who is currently training as a teacher, while Year 6 continue their National Curriculum Tests preparation for the first part of the term with Mrs Goman and myself.

In class, Year 5 children will continue to learn about the religion of Islam and use this as a stimulus to improve their writing, as well as challenging themselves mathematically with some work on decimals and percentages.

After the NCT test week, the class will join back together for an exciting Design and Technology focussed Learning Journey based around moving vehicles.



Other learning journeys this term

Over the course of this term, we will be studying a range of curriculum subjects through our Learning Journeys, which will tie in and drive our English learning in class. One learning journey will focus on a study of the changing power of monarchs in British history with the children building on their writing skills through historical narrative. We will also be learning about France and French geography, while putting some of our French language learning to good use in class, and towards the end of the year we will consider the importance of change and "Moving on" as some of our children transition to secondary school.



Other subject areas

Some other topics will still run alongside our learning journeys this term, such as RE, computing, music and Modern Foreign Languages. The children in KS2 will continue to learn French as part of the MFL curriculum on a Wednesday afternoon - this term we will be learning how to talk about holidays in French. The learning in music is focused around one song this term: The Fresh Prince Of Bel-Air. The children will also listen and appraise different Old School Hip Hop songs.

Reading

We continue to put an emphasis on finding books that children can't wait to read, whether it be a story or non-fiction text. We are always looking to find new titles at school for children to borrow and delve into and all children in Pheasant class should have a book that they are committed to and look forward to reading both in class and at home. These books can be brought in from home, or chosen from our class library. Individual, group and whole class reading slots are a big part of our curriculum time and we want children to make the most of these opportunities.



RHE

The week beginning Monday 5th June is our Pheasant Class RHE week in which the children will be learning about Relationships and Sex Education. These sessions are run in coordination with Natalie Newell, the education manager at a charity called Options. Natalie will be conducting a Zoom meeting with parents on Thursday 18th May at 4:30pm to talk through how the sessions are approached and answer any questions you may have about this area of your child's learning. Further details on this element of our curriculum will follow in due course.

Maths

In maths this term, as well as learning about new topics such as statistics and algebra, we will also be putting a greater emphasis on children demonstrating their skills in reasoning and their ability to apply prior learning to solve a range of real-life problems and investigations. As always, all work will be pitched at an accessible but challenging level, building on prior learning. Running alongside our daily maths will be continuous practise of arithmetic, oral and mental maths skills, and times tables which, as ever, will run through the TT RockStars app.

Physical Education (P.E.)

PE will continue in the same vein as previous terms, with Wednesday being our school PE day and all children coming to school in their PE kit. On Wednesdays and in other PE sessions this term, the children will be working on multi-sports skills, bat and ball games, and athletics. We will be doing regular sports and fitness classes in school, including our daily 15 minutes of fitness, so children are asked to ensure they have trainers in school every day.

PE and other sessions will be outside wherever possible so children will need to apply sun cream before they come to school in the mornings.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set with an emphasis on short, regular bursts of independent study complimenting the work that children do in class. This consolidates learning, while also preparing them for years ahead, building on their organisation skills.

We will continue to use SeeSaw for setting and handing in homework, and these will follow similar timings to previously with most homeworks being set on a Friday to be handed in by the following Friday. Children are also expected to practise their spellings through spelling shed (and to try to get in the hive by Friday every week). Children should be accessing TT Rockstars at least twice a week at home to help improve recall and speed.

