

Homework

Please encourage your child to sit down with you on a regular basis to go through their homework.

- Year 1 children** - Daily reading (approx 10 minutes), regular Mathletics and frequent practise of common exception words.
- Year 2 children** - Daily reading (approx 20 minutes). Weekly task in their homework books -given on a Tuesday, to be completed by the following Tuesday. Regular Mathletics and frequent practise of common exception words.

For Mathletics, certificates are handed out during our Friday Achievers assembly for those children who go above and beyond in their Mathletics learning so it really is worth while encouraging your child to use this learning tool.

Spellings: As a school, we are still focussing on spellings as a key area of learning. The children need to practise their spellings at home to ensure accurate spelling in their writing. This includes the weekly spellings as well as the Year group common exception words. You can use any of the strategies we sent home last term as well as the Spellodrome resource which we are also using in school. Your support with this is really appreciated. Thank you.

Useful websites for supporting learning at home include:

- uk.spellodrome.com
- uk.mathletics.com
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>
- <http://www.mathsisfun.com/>

Please do pop in from time to time on a Tuesday after school so your child can proudly show you their learning. As always, if you have anything you would like to discuss or query, do catch us after school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jenkinson and Mrs Totman



Lavant C.E. Primary School
Robin Class Year 1/2

Spring Term 2019

TERM DATES

TERM ENDS: Friday 5th April
HALF TERM: Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February
INSET DAY: Friday 15th February

Class assembly- This term we will be inviting you to the classroom to look at what we've been doing. Details to follow!

Parents Evenings-Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th February
Book Week: 26th February (World book day 2nd March-Dress up day. more info to follow)

Golden Learning Opportunities (GLO)-Every Friday afternoon in the second half of this term.

Easter service at St. Nicholas' Church- Friday 5th April

Overview

We will be kicking off the Spring term with a learning journey all about pirates. This will involve a lot of mapping and learning about the continents and oceans of the world. We will follow this with a science-based learning journey about materials. We will be helping certain fairy tale friends solve their problems with some scientific testing. Then *Lavant Goes Green* for the end of the half term - a

whole school learning journey all about our growing problem of rubbish.

In the second half term, we will be focusing on healthy eating, learning all about food groups and a balanced diet. Our attention will then turn to traditional tales and stories; retelling them and writing our own versions or sequels. We will finish the term with a study of poetry and verse linked to Easter

English

For our daily phonic sessions, the children will continue to work within the appropriate phase for them. They will have a wide range of opportunities to develop their skills at;

- Identifying phonemes in speech and writing
- Blending phonemes for reading
- Segmenting words into phonemes for spelling
- Reading high frequency words on sight

Most of the writing tasks this term will relate to the children's learning journey topics. We aim to make their writing opportunities as "real" and purposeful whilst also trying to give them the chance to write in as many different genres as possible, e.g. instructional, information writing, personal and non-experienced recounts, story writing and creating their own simple poetry.

We are changing our reading session this term to guided reading in which we can explore more challenging texts, discussing meaning and understanding. This means that each child will be heard read in a group of children of similar ability. Please encourage your child to change their reading book when they come in first thing in the morning, taking a maximum of 2 books.

We will continue our spelling focus and classroom study. In afternoon sessions, we will be using a new computer programme along with other activities to help children secure their spelling of common exception words and other necessary key words (e.g. days of the week, months, colours, etc.)

Maths

We will continue to cover the year groups' objectives, linking in with our learning journey themes where possible.

Areas to be covered this term include:

- place value - understanding the value of each digit in 2-digit and 3-digit numbers
- all four operations (+/-/X/÷)
- time (reading & creating o'clock, half past, the quarters and reading time to the nearest 5 minutes)
- fractions ($\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $1/3$)
- shapes (2D and 3D)
- money (finding totals and giving change)
- measures (length, mass and capacity) and reading scales

The children will have opportunities through their work to develop their understanding and fluency, moving on to apply it to solve problems.

In addition, Year 2s will have a focused maths skills focus on a weekly basis to improve their recall and use of key maths knowledge, e.g. number bonds, doubles, 2X, 5X and 10X times tables.

Physical Education (P.E.)

PE will take place on Mondays and Fridays for the first half term. We had quite a few missing/incomplete or forgotten PE kits last term. **Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school ALL WEEK.** Please ensure all removable items of clothing are labelled - this helps us to return items misplaced to correct owner. Track suits can be worn for outdoor PE sessions. Long hair needs to be tied back so a hair band is also needed. Earrings should be removed or if newly pierced covered with surgical tape.

Monday's PE day will change after half term to a Tuesday, as we have our sports coach with us for the second half.