

Homework

Homework will play an important role in supporting and reinforcing the learning that takes place in school. Each week, children will be encouraged to reach the Green Zone on Doodle Learning, with an initial focus on both DoodleMaths and DoodleSpell. Regular practice at home will help children to strengthen their recall of key mathematical facts, develop their fluency and secure important spelling patterns. We encourage a little-and-often approach, as frequent opportunities to revisit and practise key knowledge can have a significant impact on long-term learning and retention. Children will also be encouraged to maintain their daily reading at home. Reading regularly is one of the most valuable ways children can support their learning, developing their vocabulary, comprehension, fluency and understanding across the wider curriculum.

Homework will be monitored in school, with children's engagement with their progress towards the Green Zone will be checked each Wednesday. This will allow us to celebrate consistent effort, recognise progress and identify where children may need additional support. Additional homework tasks may be set throughout the term where they provide a meaningful opportunity to extend or consolidate classroom learning. These will always be communicated with families in advance.

Contacting Us

Please feel free to contact us using Pheasant Class email below:

pheasantclass@lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk

Alternatively, feel free to speak to myself or any of the Pheasant staff team on the playground to pass on information.

If the matter is more urgent please contact the school office on 01243 527382.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead alongside your children!

Kind Regards,

Mr J Worne



Learning together in faith - always aiming for the best

Lavant C.E. Primary School

Pheasant Class Year 5/6

AUTUMN TERM 2026

TERM ENDS:	Friday 18 th December
HALF TERM:	Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October
INSET DAY:	Tuesday 1 st September
	Monday 2 nd November

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you all had a fantastic, restful summer break and are feeling energised for the autumn term ahead. This letter outlines just some of the amazing learning opportunities the children will partake in throughout our first term together. Everyone in Pheasant Class can't wait to get started on what will surely be a brilliant year

Our First Learning Journey

In our first Learning Journey, 'The Detective Club', the children will discover a mysterious crime scene in the classroom involving our class mascot, Astro! We will explore the properties of materials and how they change state as we work together to solve the case. Along the way, the children will also create a detailed written report to keep the rest of the school updated with our findings!



Other learning journeys this term

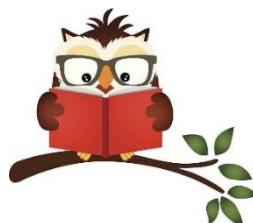
Over the course of this term, we will be studying a range of curriculum subjects through our exciting Learning Journeys. In the first half of term, we will be exploring the Ancient Greeks, their way of life and how they shaped and influenced the modern world. After half term, our Learning Journey will take on a Geography focus as we explore the physical geography behind some of the world's most extreme natural events, including volcanoes, tsunamis and earthquakes. Finally, as we approach the festive period, our learning will take on an RE focus as we explore why Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah.

Maths

We will begin the year with a strong focus on place value and the number system, before moving on to written calculation and arithmetic skills across all four operations. Towards the end of the term, we will begin the first part of our fractions unit. Each week, the children will also have plenty of opportunities to develop their reasoning skills and apply their prior learning to solve a range of real-life problems and investigations. The children will continue to practise and develop their oral and mental maths skills through daily fluency sessions, including rapid recall of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts.

Reading

We can't stress enough the importance of children developing a 'love of reading' from an early age. In Pheasant Class, we do not routinely use reading records, as many children are becoming increasingly independent readers at this age. However, it is still incredibly important that every child is being read to from time to time! Our focus is on helping children discover books and novels that they can't wait to read. We are continually introducing new and exciting titles in school for children to delve into, while encouraging children to visit the library where possible to discover books that spark their own interests. Alongside this, we ensure a balance of independent, group and whole-class reading opportunities within the classroom, helping children to develop both their reading skills and, most importantly, their enjoyment of reading. Reading is checked weekly in class to ensure that children are regularly engaging with books and developing their reading habits.



MFL/Music

Some topics will still run alongside our Learning Journeys this term. For example, the children in KS2 will continue to learn French as part of the Modern Foreign Languages curriculum on a weekly basis, starting with a unit focused on using French nouns and adjectives to create our own monster pets! In Music, our learning will begin with the theme from *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*. Through an integrated approach, the children will explore different dimensions of music, including pulse, rhythm and pitch, while developing their skills through singing and playing instruments.

Computing

Computing this term will be taught as a standalone subject, but will also be incorporated into many of our Learning Journeys. The children's standalone learning will begin by exploring computer networks and the internet, developing their understanding of how devices communicate and how information is shared online. We will also focus on mastering the basics of using technology effectively and safely, building the skills they will need to support their learning across the curriculum.

Physical Education (P.E.)

On Wednesdays, we ask the children to come to school in their PE kits as they will have a sports session with our specialist PE provider. This is an excellent opportunity for them to receive quality coaching in a variety of sports, starting with football. As the weather gets colder, children are advised to wear black tracksuit bottoms and their school fleece or jumper over their PE kit. A 15-minute fitness session will also continue throughout the year. Therefore, children are asked to have a pair of trainers in school every day. In addition to this, children in KS2 will receive weekly swimming lessons each Thursday, beginning on September 17th. **Even if your child participates in swimming lessons outside of school, this is a National Curriculum requirement.**

