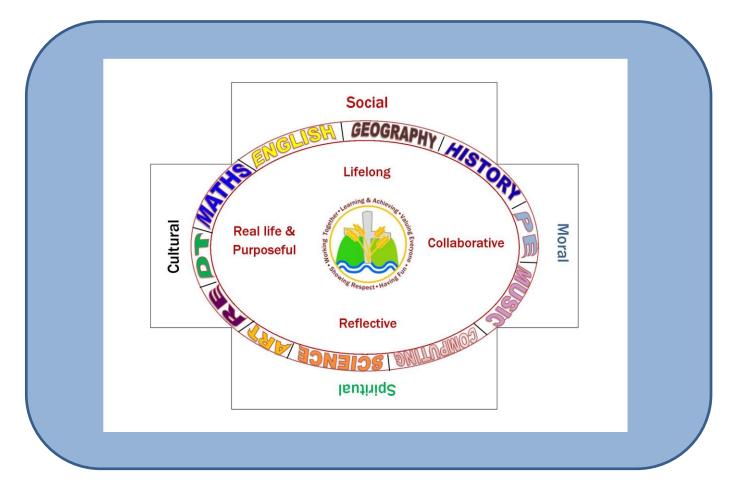
## The Lavant Curriculum



### **Curriculum & Pedagogy**

Our curriculum is designed to be flexible and responsive, allowing our staff team freedom of delivery to engage individual pupils and cohorts. We ensure coverage of curriculum content, through thoughtful, engaging Learning Journeys, which allow teachers, and teaching assistants to create purposeful learning for all children, linking areas of the curriculum in a natural, meaningful way. We encourage the use of our local environment and the wider community to ensure we provide a rich, broad curriculum.

Our curriculum is underpinned by our school values and aims, providing a balance of development through SMSC and the deep understanding of British values.





### The Lavant Way

**The intention of our curriculum** is for children to grow as creative, resilient, ambitious and reflective learners who possess the necessary skills to work well both independently and collaboratively.

We believe that children learn best when they are excited by their learning and we ensure our curriculum is so much more than the legal requirements of the National Curriculum! The Lavant way allows us to personalise learning to suit the needs of each child in our school through providing inspirational and challenging learning experiences.

Each learning journey is rooted in just two or three areas of the curriculum, allowing children time to explore and develop key skills and a deep knowledge in these areas. An exciting and engaging **hook** into learning engages the children from the outset and the **end Goal** ensures the children know exactly what they are setting out to achieve. The **next steps and learning targets** are then personalised, taking into account the starting point of each child to achieve the highest possible quality outcome.

We recognise that we are all on a journey as a community of lifelong learners and have identified a range of learning qualities that enable us to become successful learners. The development of these learning qualities are encouraged through each learning journey and our wider learning opportunities beyond the classroom.







## Our approach to teaching and learning

Our school values highlight the importance of:

#### Learning and Achieving Having fun Valuing everyone Showing Respect Working together

We believe that learning is a *process* and not an end in itself. We know that children come to us with prior learning and will leave us to continue on their *journey of discovery*. We aim to foster a love of, and a positive attitude towards learning, so that pupils commit to learning for life. In all things, we strive for the best possible outcomes for each child.

#### Effective learning

We believe children learn most effectively when they:-

- have good mental health and wellbeing
- are intrinsically motivated
- are encouraged to be creative, investigative and explorative
- are independent, have ownership of their learning, and are prepared to take risks
- learn from their mistakes
- are fully engaged and have few distractions
- have high expectations and take pride in their learning
- are keen to challenge themselves and respond to their challenges with perseverance and resilience
- ask questions and engage in open enquiry, initiating their own learning
- have regular opportunities to discuss and learn from each other
- make natural links between subjects and apply learnt knowledge and skills across the curriculum
- engage in learning that is relevant and has a purposeful outcome which they understand and are enthused about
- are taught how to learn and how to identify their own challenges and successes
- are provided with opportunities to reflect on their own learning and that of others
- are encouraged to think deeply
- value and respond to feedback
- learn in an environment that inspires, stimulates and celebrates
- have positive role models who they trust
- know their effort and ideas are valued.





#### **Effective Teaching**

We believe teaching is most effective when:-

- mental health and wellbeing is strong
- it offers first hand purposeful learning experiences that interest, motivate and engage learners
- it models good learning
- expectations are consistently high
- it promotes intrinsic motivation
- teachers' good subject knowledge enables them to plan appropriately to meet the needs of all learners
- planning is thorough but flexible
- tasks set are accessible by all children and all children are challenged and able to succeed
- it builds upon prior knowledge and skills
- it values pupil discussion and promotes a rich acquisition of language
- supports and encourages learning using a range of approaches
- lessons have a good level of pace and children are enabled to be active learners
- assessment is used effectively to reshape lessons and inform future planning
- resources are readily accessible and are used effectively to support, consolidate and challenge learning
- feedback is meaningful, motivating and manageable, and positively impacts progress
- there is a trusting relationship between the staff and children
- all learners are valued.
- it responds and reacts to development in educational thinking















# The Content of our curriculum

The Lavant curriculum is based upon a range of Learning Journeys that are designed to teach knowledge and skills in a cross-curricular fashion, linking key subject learning to English outcomes and progressions. These Learning Journeys are fluid and changeable, adapting to local, national and international news and events, or changing to meet the needs of specific cohorts. The Learning Journey overview document below show a reflection of what a typical year or two-year period of learning looks like in our classrooms. Many of the Learning Journeys will repeat on a two-year cycle and others may change or adapt; knowledge and skills taught, however, remain constant throughout. More information on subject skills and knowledge progression can be found in our subject specific progression documents.

/2	Heroes (link to	Iron Man	Coding and	Lowry	Going Global	Heroes (link to PSCHE)	Music Reviewer	Games	God	Being Safe
	PSCHE)	Creating fair	programing	A study of the life and	Studving another	Researching lives of 2	Listening to and	Exploring different	What do Christians	Worries, body privad
	earning the	tests in order to	Exploring and creating	work of LS Lowry.	country in the world,	significant people	appreciating a range	ways of handling.	believe God is like?	being safe
	cientific names	examine the	simple algorithms.	Developing	features and compare	from history.	of live music (ongoing)	stopping and		
	and locations of	uses and	simple algorithms.	techniques in using	to the UK.	nom notory.	of the maste (ongoing)	retrieving a ball or	Creation	Feelings and attitud
	Body Parts	properties of	Light (link to science)	paint and charcoal.	to the OK.	Fire! Fire!	Fairvtale Helpers (link	other equipment.	Who made the	Feelings and attitud
	sody Parts	properties of materials.	Children will create	paint and charcoal.					Who made the World?	
		materials.			Local Life	Studying the events	to Science)	Developing partner	wond?	coping with feelings
	ight		films using light and	Light (link to science)	Local area study with	and significance of	Learning to sing in	work		and change
	Children will	The Only way is	shadows, e.g. shadow	Children will look at	use of aerial	The Great Fire of	rounds individually		Gift Makers (link to	
	explore different	Up	puppet films.	shadows, silhouettes	photographs and	London, and the	and in a group.	<u>Gymnastics</u>	Art)	The Only Way is Up
	ources of light	Exploring health,		and photography	maps. Locate in the	history of fire brigade		Traveling and	Incarnation: How do	(link to science)
	and seasonal	hygiene,	Being Safe (link to		UK and use fieldwork		Hot Cross Buns	performing a	Christians celebrate	Changes and growth
c	:hanges	exercise and	PSHCE)	Gift Makers	skills to study local	Brrrmmm or Brrring!	Playing tuned and un-	gymnastic sequence.	Christmas?	stereotypes, boys &
i	ncluding sun	diet.	Internet safety	Children design and	area.	Learning about	tuned instrument.			girls
	danger.		Exploring how to keep	make, looking at the		changes in living	Exploring notation	Striking and Fielding	Gospel	-
	° I	Brilliant Bugs	ourselves safe when	work of local artists		memory linked to	and performing to an	Developing racket and	What is the good	Family & Friendship
F	airytale	Children study	using the internet.	and craft makers.	Winter Hedgehog	national life (the	audience	ball coordination and	news that Jesus	Relationships
	telpers	and investigate	3		Use compass points, a	development of cars		control when plaving	brings?	Similarities and
	Exploring the	minibeast and	Gift Makers (link to	Local Life! (link to	simple key as part of	or telephones)	Going Global (link to	over a barrier.		differences betwee
	different	their natural	art)	geography)	our map making to	or telephones/	geography)	Performing fielding	Hot Cross Buns (link	people, special
	properties of	habitats.	Shaping text on	Exploring the work of	represent local	Castles	Experience and	techniques and	to Music)	people, uniqueness
	naterials and	habitats.	screen, inserting	a local sculptor 'Phillip	physical and human	Castles Exploring the	appreciating music	learning techniques to	Salvation: Why does	family, types of
				Jackson'. Using nature			from other cultures			
	nvestigating	A load of old	pictures		features of our local	significance of castles		handle a bat safely.	Easter matter to	relationships.
<b>1</b>	heir everyday	rubbish		to create art pieces.	rural environment.	and life beyond living	and countries.		Christians?	
5	JSES	Children explore	Local Life (link to			memory, and learning		Athletics		Heroes
		where materials	geography)	The Only Way is Up		about the history of	Gift Makers (link to	Learning to run, throw	Other Faiths	New beginnings,
- y	Jnder the Sea	come from and	Exploring online maps	(link to science)	Here come the Pirates	our monarchy.	Art)	and jump with control	(Hinduism, Judaism)	people who keep us
A	A study of living	the importance	Children learn how to	Sketching, studying	Use maps, atlases and		Composition focus:	and coordination.	Whole School LI	safe; role models;
2 t	hings and their	of looking after	control objects	self-portraits by	globes to identify	Here come the Pirates	children create a	Work towards	What is Hinduism	empowerment and
	nabitats; food	our world	through specific	famous artists and	specific countries, the	Children learn what	composition piece to	participation in Sports	(Diwali), Judaism:	self-esteem.
c	hains and		commands using	creating own.	continents and oceans	life was like as a pirate	complement the	Day	Torah and belonging.	
- ×	where different	Local life! (Link	Beebots/Scratch		of the world.	and how pirates lived.	Christmas Story	-		
2	animals live in	to geography)		Going Global (link to	Learning how to use	They research real life	related to giving gifts	Dance	Local Life! (link to	
t	the world.	A study of local	Digital Computing	Geography)	compass directions	pirates and graduate		Creatively compose	Geography & history)	
		plants, habitats	Exploring film and	Art from another	and location	from pirate school!		and perform	The importance and	
	low does your	and food chains	animation. Children	country/culture,	vocabulary in relation			expressive sequences	impact of the church	
	arden grow?		learn how to make	pattern, colour and	to map making.	Local Life! (link to		of movement.	on the local	
	Observing	Continuous	Digital books	texture.	to map making.	Geography)		or morement.	community	
	different plants	reference:	Digital books	currente.		A historical study of St			community	
	and what they	observe changes	Brilliant Bugs (link to	Castles (link to		Nicholas's church and		Design and Technology		
	need to survive.	across the four	Science)	history)		the importance of	Gift Makers			1
1	JEEB TO SOLVINE			Paul Klee and his				artists, design own produ	ct	
		seasons; observe	Pictograms and			Chichester Cathedral.	Light (Link to Science)			
	Going Global	and describe	graphing, databases	painting Castle in the		Exploring local	Use mirrors to enhance	light & evaluating produ	cts that use this design	
	link to	weather		Sun. Colour mixing		historical features.	e.g. lighthouse and toro	hes.		
	Geography)	associated with		with watercolours			The Disgusting Sandwin	h and Hot Cross Buns		
	Animal	the seasons and					Hygiene and food prepa	ration. Food origins & so	urces, healthy &	
	lassification	how day length					balanced diets.			
	with a focus on	varies.					Going Global (link to ge	opranhy)		
c	one continent.						stitching to join fabric	-0		
							Castles (link to history)			
								a working drawbridge w	ith machanisms	
-	I and in all lines.		locate the world's seven							
		neuge: to name and	a locaté the world's seven	conuments and tive ocea	ins. 10 name, locate and	identity characteristics of	the jour countries and ca	ipital cities of the United	kinguom and its surround	ang seas





Our curriculum is also enhanced in many other ways not outlined in our Learning Journey overview document; whole school Learning Journeys and events, collective worship and assemblies, stand-alone learning sessions, community links, OAA activities and many more. These are all designed to compliment our Learning Journey approach, giving the children at Lavant CE Primary School the breadth and depth of curriculum to ensure the very best of learning experiences











## Mastery of key knowledge and skills – subject specific content

We have mapped out each subject into clear and progressive strands from EYFS to Y6. We have done this to ensure that the children are building on their knowledge of specific areas of learning within each subject. These documents were created using the Early Years and National Curriculum and, as a staff team we tailored them to meet the needs of the children at our school. The knowledge and skills are taught through bespoke Learning journeys that may change depending on the specific needs of the cohort.

#### **Example of Knowledge and Skills Progression Document - ART**

Year	Drawing	Painting	Printing	Sculpture	Collage	Textiles
EYFS	explore different media,	explore the qualities of	explore different kinds	Manipulate malleable	explore different	glue a selection of
	pencils, pens, chalks,	paint	of printing	materials in a variety of	papers, tear and cut to	materials on to card or
	crayons, paint, sticks			ways including kneading	make a collage of a	fabric
	and brushes	apply thick/thin paint	apply finger paint on a	and rolling	variety of textures	
		with fingers, sponges,	shiny surface and take a			talk about the different
1	apply different media	thick brushes, card and	mono print of it	Talk about different	explore a growing range	textures
	and make marks on a	sticks etc.		sculptures	of collage materials	
	range of surfaces		print with found objects	-		sort materials, threads,
		mix powder paint using	using a growing selection	Manipulate malleable	sort into groups of	fabrics, yarns, etc. into
	using different media	primary colours	of colours	materials for a purpose,	smooth, rough, shiny,	colours, textures and
	make a variety of			eg pot, tile	etc. create	arrange in a pattern
	patterned lines, wavy,	apply a variety of paints	when printing allow		corresponding collages	-
	straight, zig-zag, thick,	according to purpose	colours to mix and	Understand the safety		tje, wrap, weave
	thin, wide and narrow	use the environment as a	discover the	and basic care of	draw shapes, cut from a	materials into a
		starting point	combinations	materials and tools	variety of materials	structure of sticks,
2	draw for different					canes, chicken wire old
	purposes eg.	make patterns in paint in	experiment with	Experiment constructing	arrange to create either	bicycle wheels etc.
	1. to represent stories	the style of an artist	different inks, crayons,	and joining recycled	an abstract or	
	2. real life situations	experiment with water-	pens and paints suitable	natural and man-made	representational picture	learn simple stitches,
	3. plans for DT	colour, colour washes,	for fabric	materials		use a variety of
	<ol><li>to show feelings</li></ol>	ready mix			create patterns from	materials to experiment
	5. to create a design		<u>create</u> a printed picture	Make links between	observational line	with
			using different	their work and others	drawings using	
			materials to represent	looking for similarities	appropriate media	Experiment with wax
			features in the	and differences		resists on paper and
			environment, eg. ferns			material
			as trees, boxes as			
			houses, etc.			











#### The teaching of mathematics



We believe that mathematics is fundamental to everyday life, critical to science, technology and engineering, and a vital skill for all children to develop. A high-quality maths education which instils a love of the subject provides a foundation for understanding the world, the ability to reason mathematically, an appreciation of the beauty and power of mathematics, and a sense of enjoyment and curiosity.

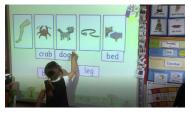
The Lavant Maths curriculum is designed for children to make rich maths connections while developing fluency, reasoning and competence in solving problems. Alongside this spiral, progressive curriculum, we promote a maths culture that is fun and interactive, and produces strong, secure learning and progress, no matter the starting points of our learners.



#### The teaching of English

Through the use of rich texts, talk, real life experiences and making words come alive, we aim to grow passionate readers and writers. Our children are given opportunities to use language to communicate effectively and learn the power of words to imagine and create. They know that words have meaning which helps them develop as learners both in school and at home. Words can help them in their day to day life but can also be a source of enjoyment and escape.

#### **Teaching and Learning of Phonics and Spelling in EYFS and KS1**



All phonics in EYFS and KS1 are taught following the Letters and Sounds document alongside the 'Jolly Phonics Programme'. We have adopted the suggested daily teaching sequence set out in 'Letters and Sounds'; *Introduction, Revisit and Review, Teach, Practise, Apply and Assess learning against criteria*. When appropriate, children are grouped to allow for the range of progress they may be making.

Teaching is multi-sensory, encompassing simultaneous visual, auditory and kinaesthetic activities to enliven core learning. Phonics is taught in short, briskly paced sessions and then applied to reading and writing in a meaningful context. All activities are well matched to the children's abilities and interests, and all classroom environments have an age appropriate display concentrating on both sounds and key words. We provide ample opportunities to reinforce and apply acquired phonic knowledge and skills across guided reading and writing. Children are then given opportunities to practise these skills independently.

#### Reading



We believe that reading is an essential life skill, enabling children to access and understand all areas of the curriculum. We want our children to be passionate readers and so we invest heavily in high-quality texts for the children to read and to lead learning. In providing reading enrichment activities and resources such as author visits, and participation in the Chichester annual BookFest we are able to explore a wide variety of books and reading for enjoyment. At our school, reading

is taught through individual, group and whole class reading sessions. Children ask and answer questions about their reading and discuss the effect of how books are written.





#### Writing

At Lavant, we believe that all pupils should be able to confidently communicate their knowledge, ideas and emotions through their writing. We want pupils to acquire a wide vocabulary, a solid understanding of grammar and be able to spell new words by effectively applying the spelling patterns and rules they learn throughout their time in primary school. We want them to write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences.



Children are taught the tools for writing and are given opportunities to show what they can do independently and creatively, with real purposes.

We believe that all pupils should be encouraged to take pride in the presentation of their writing, in part by developing a good, joined, handwriting style. We believe that all good writers refine and edit their writing over time, so we want children to develop independence in

being able to identify their own areas for improvement in all pieces of writing, editing their work effectively during and after the writing process.

#### The teaching of Science



At our school, we believe that stimulating and robust science provision is essential to begin to understand and challenge the world around us. Our lives and lifestyles have been shaped and improved by the discoveries of science; it is the key to our future.

Through the creative and engaging provision of essential knowledge and concepts, children embed their understanding of the natural world. Continuous, layered teaching of scientific enquiry and investigative procedures encourages them to foster curiosity, and

understand how science can be used to prove and explain what is happening and why. We believe in the importance of interweaving scientific knowledge, key vocabulary and skills in as many lessons as possible. With use of informative baselining and assessment, we ensure

an effective progression of both knowledge and skills, that builds year on year. It our aim that children will grow to independently and passionately apply these when using equipment, conducting experiments, building arguments and explaining concepts confidently.

It is our hope that they would leave our school with the mind-set to continue to ask questions, challenge the status quo and be curious about their surroundings.

#### The teaching of Computing



We aim to prepare children for a rapidly changing world using technology. Our computing curriculum is designed to enable our pupils to use computational thinking and creativity to further understand our world. We

provide a wealth of learning opportunities and teach transferrable skills explicitly within discrete computing lessons, and through cross-curricular Learning Journeys.

We aim to ensure that pupils become digitally literate – able to use, and express themselves and develop their ideas through, information and communication technology – at a level suitable for the future workplace and as active participants in a digital world.











#### The teaching of Religious Education



As a Church of England School, the Christian faith is the foundation of everything that we do at Lavant C of E Primary School. In all learning and life experiences, we promote an environment where all children feel known, accepted, and valued as individuals, within a caring community, where our Christian faith affects not only what we teach, but also how we teach.

We believe that it is fundamental for the children to belong to a safe and nurturing community, founded on strong Christian values where children will develop an array of skills that will enable them to make their own positive contribution to our global society.

Our aims for all the children in RE are:

- To encourage pupils to develop their sense of identity and belonging, in order to flourish within communities, as responsible citizens in society and global communities.
- To teach pupils to develop respect for others and their beliefs and help to challenge prejudice.
- To provoke challenging questions about the ultimate meaning of life, beliefs about God, the nature of reality and morality.
- To develop pupils' knowledge and understanding of Christianity, other principal world religions, religious traditions and world-views that offer answers to ultimate questions.
- To prompt pupils to consider their responsibilities to themselves and to others, and to explore how they might contribute to their communities and to wider society encouraging empathy, generosity and compassion.

#### The teaching of Art and Design



The National Curriculum for art and design aims to ensure that all pupils have opportunities to produce their own creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences. It enables them to become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques as well as giving chances to evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design. During their time at avant the children will be introduced to a wide variety of great

artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and

cultural development of their art forms.

It is our intent that the art and design curriculum will develop children's ability to think about and understand their own and others' backgrounds through studying a wide range of artists and art forms whilst developing their own skills as an artist alongside.



#### The teaching of Humanities

Geography is essentially about understanding the world we live in. It helps to provoke and provide answers to questions about the natural and human aspects of the world. At our school, children are encouraged to develop a greater understanding and knowledge of the world, as well as their place in it. Our geography curriculum enables

children to develop knowledge and skills that are transferrable to other curriculum areas. Geography is an investigative subject, which develops an understanding of concepts, knowledge and skills. Our intent, when teaching geography, is to inspire in children a curiosity and fascination about the world and people within it; to promote the children's interest and





understanding of diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes.



History is all around us. The study of history ignites children's curiosity about the past in Britain and the wider world. Through finding out about how and why the world, our country, culture and local community have developed over time, children understand how the past influences the present. History enables children to develop a context for their growing sense of identity and a chronological framework for their knowledge of significant events and people. What

they learn through history can influence their decisions about personal choices, attitudes and values. Our intent, when teaching history, is to stimulate the children's curiosity in order for them to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding.

#### The Teaching of Music

The National Curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils are given the chance to perform, listen to, review and evaluate music. They will be taught to sing, create and compose music and understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated. During their time at Lavant the children will be introduced to a wide variety of great musicians and musical genres, and will understand the historical and cultural development of music through history.

It is our intention that children gain a firm understanding of what music is through listening and evaluating, singing, playing, and composing across a wide variety of historical periods, styles, traditions, and musical genres. We want the children to become curious about music and understand and respect the role that music plays as a form of expression in a person's life.



#### THE TEACHING OF RSHCE

The welfare of the children in our care underpins all we do at Lavant. One of the benefits of being a small school is that we know each child really well. We teach our RHSCE Curriculum through Education 4 Safeguarding, a scheme we have personalised from West Sussex. This curriculum has four cornerstones that underpin the teaching of RSHE in our school;



- Relationships
- Digital and Media Literacy
- Physical Health and Wellbeing
- Emotional Health and Wellbeing.

#### The teaching of Design & Technology





Through the teaching of our Design & Technology curriculum, we aim for pupils to become resourceful, innovative, enterprising and capable of tackling real life problems. We encourage children to learn to think creatively to solve problems both as individuals and as members of a team. We encourage the children to use their creativity and imagination, to design and make products that solve real and relevant problems set within their learning journeys. It is our intent, wherever possible, to link DT with other curriculum areas such as mathematics, science, engineering, computing and art. We



hope to encourage children to become both innovators and risk-takers in their design.



PE is a vital part of school life and ultimately children's future wellbeing. It is therefore our intent to provide an inclusive, broad and balanced PE curriculum that ensures ALL children will benefit, whether through enhancing existing skills, learning new skills or being introduced to new sports, clubs, teams and organisations.



It is our intent to ensure children understand the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle and to equip them with the tools to do so through health and well-being education. Children must understand how to take care of themselves both physically and mentally in order to be successful as adults.

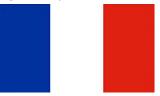


Beyond merely a subject, we believe that participation in sporting activity is a key element of developing a school in which pupils are proud of the community in which they belong. Therefore, great emphasis is placed upon additional sporting opportunities beyond the lesson within after-school clubs, inter-house and inter-school competition and festivals as well as directly trying to support local sports clubs within the Chichester area.

#### The teaching of Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

We believe that the study of foreign languages teaches and encourages respect for other

cultures, expanding our worldview and promoting acceptance and tolerance. Through learning foreign languages, children develop communication skills while also improving their knowledge of English, linking vocabulary and grammar terms. Developing a passion for language early in life builds connections and opens up a range of opportunities for children as they transition to secondary school and beyond.



At Lavant CE Primary School, we introduce languages informally in KS1, and study French throughout KS2 through fun and engaging weekly lessons. We place an emphasis on conducting MFL lessons in the foreign language wherever possible and lessons have an emphasis on oral communication (while maintaining a balance of reading and writing). Children are encouraged to experiment and have fun with different ways to communicate by using their ever-expanding knowledge of the French language.





We aim to deliver a curriculum, accessible to all and to ensure that each of our pupils will know more, remember more and understand more about how to play a positive and successful role within our society, both as a child and as an adult in the future. Our aim is to provide pupils with a knowledge of their world, locally, nationally and globally and give them confidence to tackle many of the moral, social and cultural issues that are part of growing up. We aim to provide our children with opportunities for them to learn about rights and responsibilities and appreciate what it means to be a member of a diverse society. Moreover, our pupils are encouraged to develop their sense of selfworth by playing a positive role in contributing to school life and the wider community. We challenge all of our pupils to look for opportunities to show the school values of TEAMWORK and seek leadership opportunities within the school and their local community.

If you would like to find out more about our approach to teaching each curriculum area you are welcome to look on the Policies section of our website to read our individual policies for the teaching of each subject area.



