

Homework

We are looking forward to working together this term to support the children's learning both at school and at home. Reading will remain a key part of our daily routine, and we strongly encourage all children to read at home 3 - 5 times a week. This might be reading independently, sharing a book with an adult, or listening to a story together. Regular reading helps children to develop their vocabulary, fluency, comprehension and confidence, while also encouraging a lifelong love of books. To help us keep track of reading at home and encourage the children's reading motivation, we ask that parents/carers make a quick note in the back of the spelling book each time your child reads at home, allowing us to celebrate your child's hard work on a regular basis.

Alongside reading, children will be asked to complete weekly spelling activities in their spelling books and are encouraged to engage little and often with Doodle Spelling (and TT Rockstars if possible) at home. Just 5-10 minutes of spelling practice, 3-5 times a week, can make a real difference to their progress. If maintaining this routine at home is tricky, we will be hosting Doodle Club again on Thursdays after school, providing children with some additional support and time to complete their spelling practice.

Contacting Us

Please feel free to speak to ourselves or any of the Woodpecker staff team at drop-off, or, ideally, at the end of the school day. If the matter is more urgent please contact the school office on 01243 527382.

We are very much looking forward to a great Autumn term together in Woodpecker Class.

Kind Regards,



Mr D Taylor



Mrs J Jenkinson



Lavant C.E. Primary School
Woodpecker Class Year 3/4
Autumn Term 2026

TERM DATES

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

Welcome back to a new school year! We all hope you had a fantastic summer with lots of fun and plenty of rest and relaxation. The following newsletter will give you a brief outline of the term ahead in Woodpecker Class, and some of the exciting learning opportunities in store.

Our First Learning Journey

We will be diving straight into our learning this term, while also taking some time to gently establish our class routines, expectations and ways of working together, with our first Design and Technology Learning Journey, 'Eating Seasonally'. During this unit, the children will explore the importance of seasonality, learn and practise a range of cooking skills, and develop their ability to write clear, well-ordered instructions. We are looking forward to getting stuck in!



Other Learning Journeys this term

Alongside our Design and Technology learning, the children will enjoy a range of exciting learning journeys across the curriculum this term. In our science-led Learning Journey later this half-term, the children will explore the human body and its fascinating systems, before putting their learning into practice by creating their own short informative films on the subject. We will also travel back in time to Ancient Egypt, where the children will become historians and investigate one of the world's most fascinating ancient civilisations. Our RE learning journey will focus on Incarnation, giving the children opportunities to explore what Christians believe about Jesus and the meaning behind his life. We have lots of exciting learning ahead and look forward to seeing the children's curiosity and creativity shine throughout the term.



Maths

Our first mathematical concept of the year is place value with the intention to create a very strong foundation for the units ahead. We will also look at simple addition and subtraction before moving on to more formal written methods. Our attention will then focus on multiplication and division where we will begin with the fast recall of facts before building a core understanding of what the two operations actually entail alongside their definitions. The term will be rounded off with the learning of length, perimeter and area, and their application to worded problems. The practice of times tables and general maths fluency will be taught throughout the year. 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 including the related division facts.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

This term, our Year 3 children will take their first exciting steps into learning French, while our Year 4 children will continue to develop their existing language skills. Through our 'Portraits' unit, the children will learn how to describe people, building their French vocabulary and confidence as they listen, speak and begin to write in French. They will also develop their language detective skills, looking for familiar words and patterns to help them understand new language.

Physical Education (P.E.)

On Wednesdays, children are asked to come to school wearing their PE kits as we will have a sports session from our specialist PE provider. This is an excellent chance for the children to receive training in a variety of sports, starting with football. In addition to this, children in KS2 will receive weekly swimming lessons as part of the National Curriculum requirement. Fifteen minutes of fitness will continue throughout the year, and as such, children are asked to have a pair of trainers in school every day.

Other Learning This Term

Alongside our main learning journeys, the children will enjoy a range of creative and personal development opportunities this term. For example, in Art, we will explore the theme of light and dark, developing our understanding of colour and learning how to mix colours to create different tones and shades. In PSHE, our focus will be on relationships, where the children will explore friendships, feelings and how we can build positive and respectful relationships with others. Our RE learning will focus on Incarnation, giving the children opportunities to explore what Christians believe about Jesus and the meaning behind his life.

Computing

Our computing sessions will see the children focusing on the computing basics. We will look at how to use the computers appropriately while also teaching the core skills that will be needed for the rest of the term. After half term, we will be making our own digital comics.

Music

Music will be taught on a Wednesday afternoon by Mrs Upjohn. This term the children will undertake a unit of work that introduces the language of music through playing the glockenspiel. They will focus on learning how to play and identify various notes, follow musical notation to play some simple tunes and create some of their own compositions before performing them.