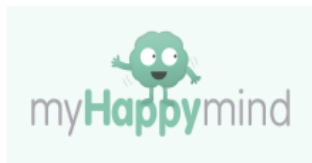


My Happy Minds

A large part of our PSHCE curriculum is now taught through the My Happy Minds programme, which is an NHS backed programme of learning designed to "help prepare today's children for tomorrow's world by building resilient, balanced and happy minds at school." This term, the children will be learning to celebrate and their individual attributes.



Forest School

This term Woodpecker class will be participating in forest school. This will involve a series of outdoor activities where the children will learn several new and exciting skills involving the natural resources we have available to us. Year 3 will receive the forest school sessions during the first part of term and this will switch over after half term to ensure the year 4 children get a turn. Forest school takes place on a Thursday afternoon and children participating are asked to come to school wearing sensible clothes and footwear. Long sleeved tops and trousers (not shorts) are mandatory to make sure the children are safe, warm and dry during the various activities.

Homework

Homework will continue using the same format as last term. It will be set on SeeSaw each Wednesday and due in the following week. Each week we ask that the children complete 15 minutes of garage on TimesTable Rockstars and practice their weekly spellings. Alongside the reading we do in school, the children should be reading daily at home where possible. Reading is fundamental in the development of literacy skills and reading daily at home helps benefit their learning in school. There will also be a task linked to our in class learning. These tasks are all coloured in red meaning, if possible, we would like everyone to complete them. Tasks coloured in blue are optional.

Contacting Us

Please feel free to contact us using the Woodpecker Class email below and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

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Alternatively, feel free to grab us on the playground to pass on any information. If the matter is more urgent please contact the school office on. 01243 527382.

Kind Regards,
Mr J Worne



Lavant C.E. Primary School
Woodpecker Class Year 3/4
Curriculum outline - SPRING TERM 2023

TERM DATES

TERM ENDS: Friday 31st March
HALF TERM: Monday 13th - Friday 17th February
INSET DAYS: Tuesday 3rd January, Monday 20th February

Welcome back to our spring term. I hope everyone had a restful festive period and you are all full of energy!

Our First Learning Journey

Our first learning journey 'Incredible India' is a geography focused unit. We will be looking at developing our map reading skills and identifying key geographical features. Within this learning journey we will also discover the physical geography of India by investigating the different biomes and climate zones of this amazing country!



Other learning journeys this term

'The incredible book eating boy' is our second learning journey of the year. It has a scientific focus around balanced diet and healthy eating. We will also get the opportunity to use the new curriculum kitchen when we create our own healthy meals. This learning journey will begin with an exciting cooking workshop at Tuppenny Barn. Following on with the science theme, after half term we will begin 'A journey Through the Undergrowth' which is a plant based learning journey. The children will learn about the key features and roles of plants, becoming plant detectives in solving a mystery. This will culminate in a newspaper report. In our art learning journey, 'Barbara Hepworth', we are going to develop our clay modelling skills. Alongside the art, this learning journey will have a writing focus of biographies. The last learning journey of the term is Salvation, an R.E based unit following the Easter story.

Maths

During our spring term we will continue developing our formal written methods for all 4 operations. Following on from this the children will be taught a statistic unit looking at the different types of graphs and applying their understanding to answer worded problems. Later in the term we will be covering the fundamentals of fractions. This unit will teach the children key skills to help them build an understanding of what a fraction is and how to use them. We will round the term off by focusing on mass and capacity where there will be a separate input on decimals. The practise 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 x tables by the end of the year, and children in year 4, all tables up to 12x 12 including the related division facts. On a Wednesday the children will be taught time by Mrs Upjohn. The focus will later shift to shape, position and direction.

Physical Education (P.E.)

On Wednesdays children are asked to come to school wearing their PE kits as we will have a P.E. sports session from our specialist P.E. provider. For the first half of term the children's focus sport will be gymnastics. In the second half of term this will transition to hockey. In other P.E sessions this term we will begin with dance and 15 minutes of fitness will continue everyday as usual. Trainers and any other items required (some children may prefer to change into shorts for dance classes for example) should be brought into school on a Monday and taken home to be washed at the end of the week.

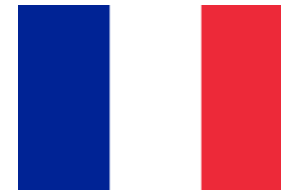


Computing

The children will receive 2 standalone computing units this term. Our first sequence of lessons will focus on video editing using the iMovie software. In the second half of the term we will be exploring 3D design and how it is used in many ways to design 3D objects, including buildings, furniture and transport. They will explore how to use CAD software (Computer Aided Design), to view 3D objects on a 2D screen by moving around the objects 360 degrees. They will also use tools to add 3D objects and resize them, zoom in and out and other options to change the appearance.

MFL (Modern Foreign Languages)

Wednesdays will continue with the same format as last term, with standalone lessons in French being taught to all children in KS2 on alternative weeks, continuing to develop their fast improving language skills.



Music

When not learning French, the children will be taught music by Mrs Upjohn. This term the children will be learning to sing and perform an R&B song for children -Let Your Spirit Fly. They will also be carrying a series of listening and appraising activities, comparing the song to other songs of different genres, whilst undertaking other musical activities to do with the pulse, rhythm and pitch. They will learn to accompany the song with tuned musical accompaniment and experiment with their own improvisations.

Religious Education (R.E.)

This term the children will be learning about different aspects of Hinduism. They will explore the main beliefs of the religion before going on to investigate the different Hindu Dieties and festivals. They will also look at different aspects of Hindu worship and holy books and symbolism.