

Homework

Homework tasks will consist of a variety of different activities with the aim of consolidating and building upon what the children have been learning during the week. In the coming weeks, homework will be set on a Friday and if applicable, uploaded to Seesaw the following Thursday. Red tasks indicate that they are compulsory but tasks in blue are optional. On top of homework, we ask that children are reading daily and that it is recorded in to their reading diaries.

Growth Mindset

Growth mindset is the idea that through practise, development and hard work everyone can develop and there is no such thing as fixed ability. This is the basis of all learning in Woodpecker class and throughout our whole school. We want all children to adopt a growth mindset attitude and have a positive approach to all aspects of learning. By promoting a growth mindset approach it allows all within the class room to display an optimistic and enthusiastic learning attitude, developing their brain and learning attitudes in a positive light. We will continue to talk about growth mindset throughout the year helping us to develop into growth mindset experts!

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.

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



Lavant C.E. Primary School
Woodpecker Class Year 3/4
Curriculum outline - AUTUMN TERM 2022

TERM DATES

TERM ENDS: Friday 16th December

HALF TERM: Monday 24th - Friday 28th October

INSET DAY: Monday 31st October

Welcome back to a new school year! We all hope you had a fantastic summer and got plenty of rest. This is my first term at Lavant and I look forward to meeting you all and becoming a part of this brilliant community. We had a fantastic first week and the following newsletter will outline all of the exciting learning for the Autumn term ahead. We hope you are ready!

Our First Learning Journey

Our first learning journey 'Welcome to Woodpeckers' will show children what it means to be a learner within woodpecker class and Lavant primary school as a whole. It is also an opportunity to re-introduce class expectations and create our class charter for the year. Throughout this learning journey children will be working collaboratively with classmates in a number of team activities to familiarise them with their peers and new teachers



Other learning journeys this term

Over the course of this term, the children will tackle the different curriculum areas through a variety of engaging learning journeys. In Healthy Humans the children will learn about the different functions of the skeleton and other important factors such as muscles, the digestive system and teeth. We will also travel back to ancient Egypt and become historians, learning about one of the earth's early civilisations. The second part of term begins with book week and celebrating the joy of reading. This will be followed by a learning journey called rivers, where geography will be the main focus. Let's Rock will delve into the different layers that make up our planet and the fossils trapped within. Finally, to round off the term we will complete a festive learning journey centred on an R.E. focus.



Maths

Our first unit 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 and again transition to using formal written methods. Length, perimeter and area will also be taught as a standalone unit by Mrs Upjohn on a Wednesday. 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.

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. This is an excellent chance for the children to receive quality training in a variety of sports and this half term they will start with football. In addition to this 15 minutes of fitness will continue throughout the year. Therefore, Children are asked to have a pair of trainers in school every day. We will also have weekly swimming lessons beginning on Thursday 15th September.

Computing

Our computing sessions will see the children focusing on the basic computing skills. 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.



Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

On a Wednesday afternoon every other week, the class will be taught French by Mr Taylor. They will learn how to speak, read and write basic French vocabulary and phrases.

Music

When not learning French, the children will be taught music by Mrs Upjohn. This term they will undertake a Unit of Work that introduces the children to learning about 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.

Religious Education (R.E.)

This term our RE focus will be reflecting on 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' We will be looking at the gospel of Matthew and how it tells us the story of the life and teaching of Jesus. The children will make links with the bible and the importance of love, and life in the world today and express some of their own ideas about how to make the world a better place.

