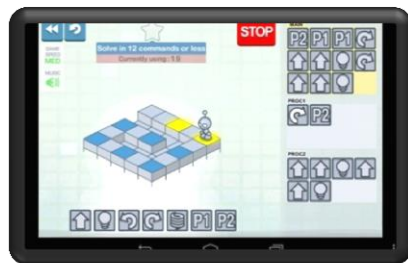


Computing & IT

Our first IT unit will link with the Smugglers learning journey and will see the children looking at how to use both a publishing and drawing program to create a front cover for their Smuggling stories.

After half term to link with our Christmas Learning Journey the children will be using an IT program to create and develop musical compositions, editing and refining their ideas through discussion and collaborative working.



Homework

Homework tasks will continue to be set on a Friday and will need to be returned to school by the following Thursday. Tasks will be stuck into the children's homework books along with their weekly spellings to learn. Please encourage your children to make sure that their book is in the green box by the due day or their tasks won't be stuck in. Compulsory homework will always be highlighted by the use of red text. This will be learning spellings, reading with an adult and practising their target times tables. There will also be optional tasks. These will often be linked to our class learning journeys so children are always encouraged to do these as well to help support their learning. Also don't forget to use our online programs, Spellodrome and Mathletics, to help support your child's learning.

As always your support at home is greatly valued and taking time to help your child/ren complete the homework tasks is appreciated.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead working with your children.

*Kind regards
Mrs Holden & Mrs Upjohn*



Lavant C.E. Primary School

Woodpecker Class Year 3 & 4

Curriculum outline - AUTUMN TERM 2018

TERM DATES ends: Wednesday 19th December

HALF TERM: Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October

INSET DAY: Monday 29th October

Welcome to another school year. We hope you had a wonderful summer and that everyone is feeling refreshed and looking forward to the Autumn term. The following newsletter will give you an idea of some of the exciting opportunities in store for the children over the coming weeks.

Woodpeckers have all had a fantastic start to the new term with an exciting visit from CYE (Christian Youth Centre). They led us in some team building skills and games as part of our initial focus on our PSCH theme linked to New Beginnings. The children have already looked at how we can get to know each other and our talents, created a class charter and looked at school rules, thinking about what our ideal school would be like.

Our First Learning Journey

The children will be engaged in a range of learning journeys this term. Continuing to challenge their thinking and pushing their learning limits. Learning journeys are designed to be clear, concise units of work which link concepts together in a natural way to create the best learning experience for the children.

Our first learning journey is inspired by an upcoming event at St Nicholas Church. The children have been asked to engage in finding some of the secrets of the church. We have chosen the focus of the stained glass windows and will be linking this to exploring a variety of traditional tales before re-telling our own version of a bible story and creating a stained glass window to accompany this. These will go on display at the church later on in the term.

Other learning journeys this term

Over the course of this term, the children will be engaging with a range of other learning on various subjects. Following on from our stained glass windows, we will be undertaking an exciting learning journey on a smuggling theme. The children will explore some of our local smuggling history before creating some of their own smuggling adventure stories. They will visit Pallant House Art Gallery to participate in a workshop in creating book covers based on an artist who is exhibiting at the gallery... They will then use various IT programs to create their own book cover for their smuggling story.

After half term, our learning journeys will include a RE and Geography focused Learning journey looking at the different cultural, social, religious and geographical aspects of India. Also a scientific learning journey based on the Human body which links with a DT focus on food.

We will finish the term with a Christmas themed journey incorporating poetry, computing and music.

Maths

We will begin the year with a strong focus on place value and the number system before moving into written calculation and arithmetic skills for addition and subtraction. Individual units of work later in the term will include Measurement, (length and time) Properties of shape and position and direction. Each week the children will also be given a timed times table test. As they try to learn all their tables and the related division facts. Their progress will be tracked on the stars in class and this will also show the children the times table they should be learning at home each week. 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. Please ask if you want some tips or advice on how to learn these at home.

Physical Education (P.E.)

Woodpeckers are starting the term with games sessions from the south coast sports coaches. These are an excellent chance for the children to receive quality training in a variety of sports and will start with netball and hockey. In addition to this they will have their swimming sessions on Thursday mornings at the Westgate Centre. After half term we will have an indoor PE session focusing on gymnastic skills. Please make sure that P.E. kits stay in school all week and as the weather is getting colder tracksuit bottoms and a change of jumper is recommended. Also this term, we are starting our new "Fifteen Minutes of Fitness" programme across the school. To help encourage our children to maintain a healthy lifestyle, we are committing to do at least fifteen minutes of high intensity exercise EVERY school day. By regularly raising our heart rates through short bursts of fitness we can all become fitter and healthier, and we have lots of fun, energetic activities planned to get the children's heart rates up.