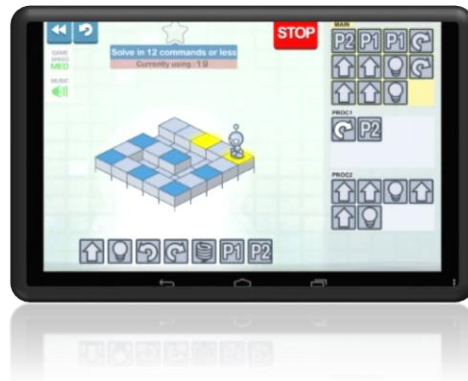


Computing & ICT

ICT will be embedded in many activities across the curriculum and used to enhance the children's learning and understanding. As in previous terms, the children will continue to explore a range of ways to use computers to enhance their learning, from presentation and research skills to learning how to create and edit videos, podcast and developing a deep understanding of coding and debugging.



Growth Mindset

"Don't practise until you get it right; practise until you can't get it wrong."

Growth Mindset is the concept that abilities are not fixed but can be developed through hard work and challenge. In Pheasant Class, and throughout our school, we want all children to understand that their abilities and achievements are directly linked to their attitude and how they learn to overcome challenges, developing the brain like any other muscle in the body. This is something we will be continuing to discuss a lot in class over the course of this academic year, to develop a real understanding of the concept for all involved. If you would like to know more on this subject, then do ask your children, our new resident experts, or pop in for a chat at any point.

This term promises to be an exciting one in Pheasant Class. If you have any questions about your child's learning at any point or any other matter, then do be sure to pop in for a chat.

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Curriculum outline - AUTUMN TERM 2017

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| TERM DATES | ends: Friday 20 th December |
| HALF TERM: | Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November |
| INSET DAY: | Friday 25 th October / Monday 4 th November |

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. Our Year 5/6 children have all had a fantastic start to the new academic year and are very excited for the term ahead. The following newsletter will give you an idea of some of the exciting opportunities in store for the children over the coming weeks.

Our First Learning Journey

The children will be engaged in a range of learning journeys this term, challenging their thinking and pushing their learning limits. This half-term, we have started our learning journeys by finding out all about our brain and how we can use this knowledge to develop a Growth Mindset. Our next challenge on this journey will be to write some poetry all about the incredible things that are going on "Behind Our Brains".



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. After our work on Growth Mindset, children will be getting their aprons on for "the Great Lavant Bake Off" in which we will be building on our instructional writing while developing our cookery skills. Our following unit will explore the science of evolution and inheritance, in which the children will be learning all about natural selection and considering how this links in with Christian and scientific viewpoints.

After half-term we have some exciting narrative units lined up that will excite the children in our class, and give them lots of fuel for creative writing. As always, these learning journeys will bring in various elements from other subjects: art this term for example will include sketching and painting progressions linked to some of our learning journeys.

MFL

Some topics will still run alongside our learning journeys this term. For example the children in KS2 will all be learning French as part of the Modern Foreign Languages curriculum on a Wednesday afternoon, beginning with a progression on "greetings" and common classroom vocabulary. Look out for your child wanting to practise their French skills with you when they get home.

Reading

We can't stress enough the importance of children acquiring a love of reading at an early age. In Pheasant class, we don't use reading records in most cases as lots of children love to read independently at this age (although every child still loves to be read to from time to time), but we do put an emphasis on finding novels that children can't wait to read. We continue to find new titles at school for children to borrow and delve into and encourage children to get to the library to find the books that they love to read. Over the next few weeks, we will also be setting up a system for children to record and celebrate their reading achievements in class.



Maths

The children will continue to practise and develop their oral and mental skills (i.e. rapid recall of $+$ $-$ \div \times skills and facts). 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 each of the four operations. Individual units of work later in the term will include weights and measures, fractions, decimals and percentages, and shape, and space (which will generally be taught on a Monday). Each week the children will also be given plenty of opportunity to demonstrate their skills in reasoning and their ability to apply prior learning to solve a range of real-life problems and investigations. As always, all work will be pitched at an accessible but challenging level, building on prior learning.

Physical Education (P.E.)

We have lots of amazing sports opportunities for the children this term in addition to their regular PE sessions. As well as swimming on Thursday mornings at the Westgate Centre, and our continuing work on fifteen minutes of daily fitness, the children will also be receiving four weeks of squash skills coaching in the school hall from coaches from Chichester Racquet & Fitness club. There will be an opportunity for selected children who show particular interest and development in the sport to have an additional session on the courts at the club in Chichester.

Every Wednesday we will have sports with our specialist PE provider, during which the children will be working on rugby this half term. Children are advised to bring a tracksuit or sweat top to wear over their P.E. kit when the weather turns colder, although hopefully the nice weather will continue for a few weeks yet, and full PE kits must be in all week.

Homework

A homework task (usually English or Learning Journey related) will be set on a Friday, to be completed by Thursday in the children's homework books - at the same standard as would be expected in class - as well as an expectation of children to access and use the Prodigy website. Details of this will be confirmed in the next week or so. Children should also be reading regularly and discussing texts with an adult at home, while also practising spellings and times tables regularly.