

## Computing & IT

In computing this term the children are going to be using a variety of different software and hardware in order to become Meteorologists. They will experience observing the weather first hand, collect data and use spreadsheets to create charts showing this information. They will then analyse and explore inconsistencies in data in order to make predictions.



## 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 will not 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.

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

Kind regards]

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Lavant C.E. Primary School

Woodpecker Class Year 3/4

Curriculum outline - SPRING TERM 2019

## **TERM DATES**

TERM ENDS: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

HALF TERM: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

INSET DAY: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

CLASS ASSEMBLY: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 9:10am

Welcome to 2019 and another action packed term. Thank you for your very kind gifts and cards. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that everyone is feeling refreshed and looking forward to the Spring term. For the next 10 weeks we will be joined by Miss Chloe Cooper, a final year teacher training student from University College Chichester.

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 had a positive start to the new term with an exciting few days focusing on Growth Mindset. Using the Dr Seuss text 'Oh the places you'll go!' they have been thinking about how to set themselves challenges, to persevere, to learn from their mistakes and to improve further.

## 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 entitled Magical Music and will see the children increasing their knowledge of orchestral instruments and classical composers. We will use the music as inspiration for our writing and have arranged a visit to Chichester Festival Theatre to give the children a firsthand experience of live classical music. We hope this will really inspire them.

## 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. Without giving too much away these will include a science focus (This Planet rocks), an environmental focus (Lavant Goes Green), an historical/geographical focus (Ice Explorers), and an art focus looking at textiles skills. We will finish the term with a RE themed journey looking at why Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good' Friday. Throughout these learning journeys the children will look at different writing genres including instructions, playscripts, poetry, diary and persuasive writing.

We are hoping to organise some visits to local places of interest to support our learning. We will always endeavour to keep costs for these trips to a minimum and give you as much notice as possible to enable budgeting. These trips are a vital part of bringing learning to life and giving the children an understanding of how what they do fits into everyday life.

## Maths

We will begin the year with a big focus on multiplication and division. Individual units of work later in the term will include fractions, time and addition and subtraction. 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 12x12 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 year with games sessions from the South Coast Sports coaches again. These are an excellent chance for the children to receive quality training in a variety of sports and will start with Hockey.

Year 4 will start Forest School sessions up until half term when it will then be the turn of Year 3. Whichever year group is not at Forest School will also be experiencing a gymnastics session on a Thursday afternoon.

After half term, when the coaches work in KS1, we will have an indoor PE session focusing on a dance unit. 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. We will still be outside - even if it is slightly damp and a soggy jumper for the remainder of the afternoon isn't much fun!

We will also be continuing with our "Fifteen Minutes of Fitness" programme. Encouraging our children to maintain a healthy lifestyle, by 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.