

Summer Term Tests

Parents of Year 6 children will be aware that SATs week is fast approaching. The children are working hard and are very focused on their preparation for this important time. We encourage you to support your child at home by helping them to relax while also maintaining their focus through practising key skills where possible. I will send out a full timetable and other information regarding the test week (11th - 14th May) in the near future.



Year 5 will be sitting tests in Maths, Grammar & Spelling and Reading Comprehension at some point this half term. Although the children will be warned in advance, the test will be conducted in a much more low-key manner than the SATs test. The results of these tests help teachers to make a judgement on your child's progress, as well as giving children an initial insight into how test formats work.

Contacting Us

As ever, please feel free to contact us using the Pheasant Class email: pheasantclass@lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk for any further information or queries

Alternatively, feel free to approach us on drop off 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
Pheasant Class Year 5/6
SUMMER TERM 2026

TERM ENDS:	Wednesday 22 nd July
HALF TERM:	Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May
BANK HOLIDAY:	Monday 4 th May
INSET DAY:	Monday 15 th June

Welcome to the summer term. We hope you had a lovely Easter break and that everyone is feeling refreshed and looking forward to the weeks of glorious weather ahead (hopefully!). This half-term will continue in the same way as the previous one ended: the children in Y5 will be continuing their curriculum work in class with Mrs Jenkinson, while Year 6 prepare for their National Curriculum Tests with myself.

In class, Year 5 children will be learning about the religion of Islam through our class shared text "Rumaysa". This fabulous book takes traditional fairy tales and relocates them in the Muslim world, weaving key routines and practices of Islam cleverly into each story. We will learn more about the foundations of these practices and about the global Islamic community.

In Maths for the first half of term, Y5 we will be practising converting units of measurement and studying position and direction which includes reading co-ordinates, translating co-ordinates and examining lines of symmetry.

Other learning journeys this term

Over the course of this term, we will be studying a range of curriculum subjects through our Learning Journeys, from history to PHSE. One learning journey will focus on the struggle for power in the United Kingdom leading up to the Norman Conquest. Towards the end of the year, we will consider the importance of change and "Moving on" as some of our children transition to secondary school.

Later this term, and very excitingly, we will also be announcing our whole school production, a real highlight of children's time at primary school. Some of the children's learning in the second half of the term will link to the theme of the show, making their learning as real and motivational as possible while also building their understanding of DT and science through a unit of "light" which will run in parallel as part of our production led learning.

Maths

In the second half of term, as well as learning about new topics such as statistics and algebra, we will also be putting a greater emphasis on children demonstrating 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. Running alongside our daily maths will be continuous practise of arithmetic, oral and mental maths skills, and times tables practice.



Physical Education (P.E.)

PE will continue in the same vein as previous terms, with Wednesday being our school PE day and all children coming to school in their PE kit. On Wednesdays and in other PE sessions this term, the children will start by working on athletics and their striking and fielding skills. We will be doing regular sports and fitness classes in school, including our daily 15 minutes of fitness, so children are asked to ensure they have trainers in school every day. PE and other sessions will be outside wherever possible so children will need to apply sun cream before they come to school in the mornings. Pheasant Class will also be enjoying Forest School this term on a Tuesday afternoon, with Y5 taking the first half of term, and Y6 the second..

RE

In our RE sessions this term, we will be focusing on the topic of 'Creation and Fall'. We will be interpreting what the bible tells us about the creation and eventual fall of Adam and Eve while also exploring the argument of the Christian belief and the scientific outlook.



Computing

This term, the children will revisit E-Safety to ensure they remain vigilant in an increasingly online world. They will explore how to behave respectfully online, identify accurate and reliable information, understand how to report concerns, and recognise that anything shared online may not be permanently removed.



In our ever increasing digital world where digital images and photos are used more and more, the children will also be learning the importance of creating good quality images that can be used online. The children will be exploring how to image edit and learn skills so they can adjust colours, brightness and contrast to improve their digital images

Music

This term in music the children's learning will be focused around one song: Happy, a Pop song by Pharrell Williams. They will continue to Listen & Appraise a variety of different songs and be able to identify their style indicators, describe their structure and musical dimensions. They will continue to use their glockenspiel skills by improvising and composing alongside the focus song

Other subject areas

Some other topics will still run alongside our learning journeys this term, such as MFL, DT and art. The children in KS2 will continue to learn French as part of the Modern Foreign Languages curriculum where the focus remains on weather. In DT, the children will be undertaking 2 different projects. The first will focus on using micro:bits to program and create their own monitoring devices while in the second, we will be creating our own steady hand game. Our art sessions will focus on the abstract genre where the children will be looking at a range of famous artists with the aim of replicating their work.



Homework

To start with this term, Y5 will have homework set as normal, achieving the green zone in DoodleMaths and DoodleSpell. Y6 will have regular homework sessions linked to their SATs work. Once the SATs period has ended, homework will continue to be set as previously with an emphasis on short, regular bursts of independent study complementing the work that children do in class. This consolidates learning, while also preparing children for years ahead, building on their organisation skills.