

## Computing & IT

We will be starting our computing sessions looking at how to program an animation. The children will plan and create an algorithm for an animated scene using Scratch. They will also look at how to correct their mistakes. They will then go onto looking at how to find and correct bugs in programs.

SCRATCH



## 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 red box on the windowsill 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, practising their target times tables or using our online maths site, Prodigy. 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.

One of the compulsory homework's will be to read at least 3 times a week at home either to an adult or to themselves. The children will be recording their reads on our reading race board and their target is to hit the finish line by the end of term. We would encourage the children to record their own reading but ask that a parent initials each read.

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.



Lavant C.E. Primary School  
Woodpecker Class Year 3/4  
Curriculum outline - AUTUMN TERM 2019

TERM DATES: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Ends: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

HALF TERM: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

INSET DAYS: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 a focus on team building skills and games as part of PSICHE theme linked to New Beginnings. The children have looked at how we can get to know each other, say life affirming positive remarks to boost confidence, created a class charter and looked at school rules.

We are continuing to encourage the children to develop their 'Growth Mindset' attitude across their learning. Developing their understanding of we learn through our mistakes and to keep trying in order to do their best.

## Learning Journeys this term

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.

On our first learning journey we will be undertaking an RE focus that will explore what Christians learn from the Creation story, they will be able to make links between Genesis 1 and what Christians believe about God. They will also go on to explore some creation stories from other cultures and religions.

Following on from this we will be studying The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will start by looking at Britain before the Roman Invasion and we will be kicking this off with a visit on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September to Butser Farm, Hampshire. The children will get to experience lots of hands on workshops experiencing a range of skills such as archaeology and jewellery making. This will be followed later on in the term by a very exciting Roman Battle led by Paul Ullson. We will be asking the children as part of their homework over this half term to design and make a Roman shield ready for this battle. (more details to follow on homework sheet)



After half term we will be undertaking a second unit of RE that will focus on the Old Testament story of Noah and what it is like to follow God and how Bible stories demonstrate how God keeps his promises. This will also have an art aspect where the children will be looking at textiles and completing an appliqué design of their own.

We will finish the term, with a learning journey based on the classic Roald Dahl book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', where the children will be focusing on descriptive writing. This will also have a scientific focus looking at changes of state.

## 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 will be receiving a weekly PE session taught by Mr. Belding, our South Coast Sports coach, on a Wednesday afternoon. The children will receive quality training in a variety of sports and will start with rugby. In addition to this, they will have their swimming sessions on Thursday mornings at the Westgate Centre. 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!

## MFL

The children in KS2 will all be learning French with Mr Taylor, 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.

