



Lapwings Class Curriculum Overview — Term 3 and 4

**Explore:
DANGER!**

English—

We will begin Term 3 by focussing on instruction writing. This will include following instructions to make a bird-feeder, and then we will explore the language of instruction and how to use imperative verbs to write out own instructions. We will then be moving on to the book 'The Storm Whale', a beautiful picture book written by Benji Davies.

Phonic sessions will continue to happen daily. The children are split into discreet year groups for these sessions as we follow our Rocket Phonics scheme. Please continue to read daily with your child.

Maths—

This term, we will be focussing on Multiplication and Division. Children will be learning how to group equally, understand what an array is and how to use them practically to help them solve multiplication and division problems. We will then learn about fractions and solve practical fraction problems involving shapes and quantities. In Term 4 we will be revisiting addition and subtraction, applying our understanding to bigger numbers and Year 2 children will be adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers. We will also be learning to solve simple problems involving money.

Science—

For our first Science sessions we will be using our fabulous outside area to observe signs of Winter. We will be comparing the daylight to other seasons.

We will then be learning about habitats. We will be considering how animals adapt to survive in changing environments.

We will be focussing on animals that live in extreme temperatures.

PE— This term Lapwings will have their PE sessions on a Monday and Thursday. Monday sessions will be delivered by a specialist from SportsCool. The focus this term is Gymnastics. **Please come to school on Monday and Thursdays in your PE kits.**

Danger at the Poles

'Understanding the differences between the Poles'

Geography—

Our project focus this term is The Poles. During term 3, the children will be developing their geography skills by using atlases, maps and globes to identify the Arctic and Antarctic. We will be exploring the main differences between the two poles, including the different animals that can be found there. We will also think about the climate at the poles and compare it to the climate around the equator. Finally, the children will look at the famous explorer Scott and his race to the Antarctic. During term 4, we will be focusing on danger at the poles and looking at how climate change is affecting the habitats at the poles.

PSHE- Our theme for PSHE Term 3 is Dreams and Goals. We will be learning about goals and successes, and we will think about how it feels to set a goal and to achieve it. Our theme for Term 4 is Healthy Me. We will be learning about ways to be happy and healthy. We will explore healthy eating, medicine safety, exercise and ways to relax.

Computing —We will be using Purple Mash to hone the children's understanding of coding, and to improve their articulation of key points relating to e-safety.

DT — Throughout Term 3 and 4 the children will be learning how to make hinges and levers from paper and paper fasteners. They will then use these skills to design and create a polar inspired moving picture.

Music - We will be listening and appraising 'Winter' from Vivaldi's Four Seasons.

RE - During term 3, we will be revisiting the religion of Islam and exploring what Muslims believe and how this makes a difference to how they live. The children will learn about the many names given to Allah and the 5 pillars of Islam. During term 4, we will be looking at the Christian festival of Easter and why it holds significance for Christians.

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Reading Diaries:

Please listen to your children read at home as often as possible. We recommend at least 4 times a week. Children are encouraged to move their names up the class reading rocket that is displayed in class each time that they read. All children that read at home at least 4 times per week will be contributing to the classes 'reading star thermometer' so please remember to record in the reading record every time your child reads at home. In addition to reading aloud to you, reading to your child every day is so helpful in developing their reading skills, and overall love of reading.

You can also support your child at home by:

- A) Logging onto TT Rockstars (Y2) or playing the free maths games at www.ictgames.com—especially focus on the Number and Place Value games this term, such as Shark Numbers or Dino Sorts.
- B) Supporting your child to complete any other home learning tasks that maybe set.

Our school website address is:

www.plumpton.e-sussex.sch.uk

PE: PE will be on Mondays and Thursday. Children need to come to school in their PE kit on Mondays and Fridays and will wear it all day.

Key Dates:

Tues 10th Jan - Chartwells Workshops

Weds 11th Jan - Open Morning for prospective parents

Mon 30th Jan—Fri 10th Feb—Fundraising Fortnight

Fri 10th Feb - Last day of term 3

Mon 20th February—First Day of Term 4

Kind Regards,

Mrs Williams and Miss Newnham

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Lapwing Class Parents' Information