



Lapwing Class News

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to Lapwing Class! My name is Niamh Armstrong and I am very excited to be starting my teaching journey at Havannah this year, after completing my teacher training at the school last year! I hope you have all had a relaxing summer holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead. I certainly am! We have a very exciting year planned, with some great topics to be studied! Below is some information which I hope will be useful to introduce you to what we will be learning this half-term. I have included an overview of what we will be studying across the curriculum. I hope this newsletter answers any immediate questions, but please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns and I'll be more than happy to help.



Many thanks, Niamh Armstrong.

Times Tables

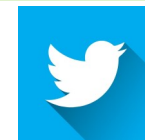
The children will be assessed on a particular multiplication table each week, they will be asked to complete their specific multiplication table within 10 seconds to encourage speed. Once the children have completed their 12 times tables they will then move onto working on speed tables. If you could also encourage the children to use Times Tables Rockstars at home then that would also be fantastic. The logins will be stuck in the front of their school planner.

Class Organisation

As you are aware, our 45 children from last year's Year 3 have been split to make two smaller Year 4 classes. This means that each class has space for new admissions which we can take throughout the year. The children are taught from the Year Four curriculum. I will be teaching the 22 children in Lapwing Class and Miss Campbell will be teaching the 24 children in Skylark Class. I am very excited to be working with your amazing children! Mrs Blakey is our wonderful teaching assistant and she will be supporting children in both Lapwing and Skylark Class everyday. Mr Burnett will also be teaching the children computing and Mrs Mingoia will be teaching them Spanish during my PPA on a Wednesday afternoon.

Twitter / X

We post lots of our fantastic achievements and activities on X, previously known as Twitter, our handle is @LapwingsHFS - Please follow us!



Reading

The children will read for 30 minutes at the start of the day, 20 minutes at the end of the day and will read individually as often as possible. It is very important that they read on a daily basis at home, too. Please make sure your child has their book and planner every day so that they are ready to read and please record reading at home. We check the planners each week so that we can see what the children have read. If the children have finished the school's reading scheme, then they are welcome to choose books to read from the free readers' section of the Library or alternatively a suitable book from home. **If any parents/grandparents/carers are able to come into school each week to hear children read, this support would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you would like to help!**

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday in their homework books which they will bring home and return to school by the following Tuesday. The homework will be a range of activities from different curriculum areas throughout the year. The activities will be set to support learning in class and will be matched to the children's ability.



PE

Our PE lessons are scheduled to be on a Monday and a Thursday. At the start of each PE lesson, the children will be required to get changed so we would be very grateful if PE kits could be kept in the cloak room for easy access. It can get quite chilly outside so extra layers like sweatshirts, hoodies and joggers/ leggings are useful to keep in their PE bags.