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Dear Parents/Carers,



Larks Class Newsletter Spring 1 Term 2023



Happy New Year! Welcome back to the start of this exciting term. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. Please find below some information about this term.

Curriculum Learning

Please find below information about our learning this half term:

In **English** our genre will be Non-fiction and the focus will be The Fire of London. The Year 1 children will be writing fact files, diary entries and a newspaper report.

In **Maths** we will continue to focus on Place Value, Addition & Subtraction within 20 and Shape using a mastery approach. We will continue to practice our counting skills to 100, count in our 2's, 5's and 10's.

For the first three weeks we will be having 3 **History** lessons weekly. The children will be able learning about the significant event 'The Fire of London' comparing and contrasting past and present London and firefighters. We will look at sources in order to understand how we know so much about the event.

In **Science** our topic is 'Everyday Materials'. Do keep looking out on our school Facebook page for further updates on our curriculum learning throughout the term.

Homework

READING: All pupils need to be reading at home **every** day. This will help your child to practice their blending skills and improve their understanding of the books they read. Please **record** when they have read in their reading diary making any relevant comments.

Yr1 SPELLINGS: On Mondays, spellings will continue to be sent home in your child's reading diary and they will be tested the following Monday. Please help your child to practice writing their spellings at home.

Yr1: If your child was sent home some 'nonsense' and 'real' word cards please ensure you practice reading these words with your child.

Library: Please note your child's weekly library session is a Wednesday, please return their book the following Wednesday. This enables your child to enjoy their book for the week.

P.E. Days

Please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school at all times. P.E. kits should include: a white t-shirt, shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers. Please do ensure all clothing is clearly labelled so we can ensure any missing clothes are returned to the correct families.

This term P.E. lessons will be on a **Thursday afternoon** so children can come into school in their normal school uniform. Our focus this half term will be Dance. **Please** ensure **earrings** are **not** worn on Thursdays.

Larks children will also take part in a lunchtime PE active club twice a week.

Book bags, Water bottles and Coats

Just a reminder we encourage children to bring their belongings into school using a named book bag rather than a rucksack, unfortunately we have little storage space for these. When children attend before school gymnastics they can bring in a small rucksack for their gym clothes. Please ensure **everything** is named!

We ask all children to bring to school on a Monday a clean **water bottle**, which we will send home every Friday to ensure they are cleaned thoroughly. Please also ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat in school. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Thank you!

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.
Mrs Masson and Mrs Coe

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