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Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to this new year. I do hope you were all able to have a lovely Christmas and New Year staying safe and healthy. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your generosity and kindness for the beautiful Christmas hamper I received. It was such a wonderful surprise and very much appreciated!

I apologise for not being able to welcome the children back...However, I am hoping to see you all by the end of this week! This half term is going to be a busy and exciting one.

### English

Our genre for this half term is Fantasy fiction. The two texts we will study in detail: 'Where the Wild Things Are' and 'Beegu'. We will look at features of a fantasy story, characters, settings and write our own Fantasy stories. Spellings for Year 1 will continue weekly based on the digraphs we are learning in class. These will be sent home on a Tuesday with a view to being tested the following Monday. You will find these spellings in your child's reading record to practice at home. Reception children continue to have the digraph book marks to practice in their book bags.

### Topic: History

This half term our topic is 'Significant Explorers'. We will learn about three in particular: Matthew Henson and Felicity Aston who were both polar explorers and Neil Armstrong. We will discuss why they were so significant and compare their achievements. After half term we will move on to studying the Geography of the polar regions. I hope to organise a pop up planetarium to visit towards the end of this half term; further details to follow.

### Science

We will be exploring everyday materials: children will be encouraged to use scientific language to describe and sort the property of various objects from the material from which it is made.

### Maths

In our Math's learning this half term we will focus on addition and subtraction within 20 and place value to 50. We will continue with our daily Flashback 4 warm up's recapping on all previous learning.

### P.E

We will be having our P.E lessons on Wednesday when we will be learning skills in order to send and receive a ball, and Fridays with Clarke Coaching - Invasion skills. Larks children will also be participating

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in 'Active lunchtime club' on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Therefore, please keep your child's P.E kit in school at all times including trainers. Please also ensure earrings are not worn on these days.

As a gentle reminder, please can I ask that all clothing including shoes are named. Please could your child bring a warm waterproof coat into school each day and a water bottle that can stay in school.

Could you also please continue to provide your child with a spare pair of pants/socks in a named bag. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss anything further.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs Masson and Mrs Coe - Larks Team

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