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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Larks Class Newsletter Summer 1 Term 2024



Welcome back to this exciting half term! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. Please find below some information about this half term.

Curriculum Learning:

English: Our new genre is adventure stories with a focus on Pirates! We will continue to develop sentence construction using the correct punctuation leading to writing our own Pirate adventure!

Maths: We will be focusing on Multiplication & Division, Fractions, and Position & Direction. We will continue to learn our doubles facts, number bonds and counting in our 2's, 5's and 10's.

DT: Our topic is 'Let's fly a Kite' We will look at different designs and uses of kites and then make our own kite!

PHSE: Our topic is 'Changing Me' Children are introduced to life cycles. We will look and compare how we have changed from a baby to now. As part of schools safeguarding duty pupils will be taught the correct words for private parts of the body.

Science: Our topic is Plants. Children will identify and name a variety of common and wild garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen. They will identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants. We also have a Garden Centre role play for the children to enjoy too!

RE: Our topic is Christianity based 'How can we care for our wonderful World?' which ties in nicely with our Science topic this term!

Forest Schools: The children are lucky to be having Forest Schools this term on Wednesdays. It is very important that your child has the correct clothing to stay warm and dry as they will be outside whatever the weather!

Active lunchtime club will continue be on a **Monday** for Larks class. Please ensure your child has trainers in school.

Homework:

Reading: All pupils need to be reading at home every day. This will help your child practice their blending and fluency and improve their comprehension skills. Please **record** when they have read in their **reading diary** making any relevant comments and initialing their bookmark.

Year 1 Spellings: On Mondays, spellings are 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. We are going to introduce some spellings for **Reception** this half term too.

Maths: To help develop children's fluency in mathematics we ask them to learn Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs). We expect children to practice their KIRFs at least 3 times a week. These were given out on parents evening to cover the whole year, and again recently.

Reception: In addition to hearing your child read please continue to practice the sounds and actions your child has learnt using the sound cards in your child's book bag. Please also note they will start to have spellings each week to put into practice the digraphs they have learnt.

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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 simple sensible water bottle similar to the image below.



We will send the water bottles home every Friday to ensure they are cleaned thoroughly. As the weather is very changeable at the moment if you could please ensure your child has a **waterproof** coat in school.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns. Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, it is hugely appreciated!

Kindest regards

Mrs C Masson, Mrs Sparrow, Mrs Moore & Mrs Turner
Larks Team



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