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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Larks Class Newsletter Autumn 2 Term 2023



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

Curriculum Learning:

English: We will be learning about Non-Fiction books with a focus on Castles for our writing. The Year 1 children will be learning the features of a non-fiction text and designing their own non-fiction book on Castles!

Maths: We will be focusing on addition and subtraction within 10 and shape, using a mastery approach. We will continue to practice our counting skills to 100, counting in our 10's, 5's and 2's.

Geography: The first three weeks we will be having 3 Geography lessons weekly on Oceans and Seas. We will also be concentrating on our Nativity play!

Science: We will continue to investigate 'The Human Animal' with a focus on identifying and comparing common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will also identify which animals are Carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

PE/Forest Schools:

Please note that this term we will **not** be having gymnastics on a Wednesday morning, so children are required to come into school in their uniform.

Forest Schools will continue to be on **Thursday afternoons**. Please ensure your child brings in the appropriate clothing, especially as the weather has turned incredibly wet and cold!

Active lunchtime club will 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 skills and improve their understanding of the books they read. Please **record** when they have read in their **reading diary** making any relevant comments. We do have a whole school reading challenge and our focus is Transport this year. Please continue to initial on your child's bookmark every time you hear your child read.

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.

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 can be found on our website but I will also be giving them out at parents evening. Below you will find a screen shot of both Reception and Year 1 KIRFs for this Autumn 2 term.

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Key Instant Recall Facts

Year 1 – Autumn 2

I know number bonds for each number to 6.

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts **instantly**.

0 + 1 = 1	0 + 4 = 4	0 + 6 = 6
1 + 0 = 1	1 + 3 = 4	1 + 5 = 6
	2 + 2 = 4	2 + 4 = 6
0 + 2 = 2	3 + 1 = 4	3 + 3 = 6
1 + 1 = 2	4 + 0 = 4	4 + 2 = 6
2 + 0 = 2		5 + 1 = 6
	0 + 5 = 5	6 + 0 = 6
0 + 3 = 3	1 + 4 = 5	
1 + 2 = 3	2 + 3 = 5	
2 + 1 = 3	3 + 2 = 5	
3 + 0 = 3	4 + 1 = 5	
	5 + 0 = 5	

Key Vocabulary

What is 3 **add** 2?
 What is 2 **plus** 2?
 What is 5 **take away** 2?
 What is 1 **less than** 4?

They should be able to answer these questions in any order, including missing number questions e.g. $3 + \bigcirc = 5$ or $4 - \bigcirc = 2$.

Top Tips

The secret to success is practising **little** and **often**. Use time wisely. Can you practise these KIRFs while walking to school or during a car journey? You don't need to practise them all at once: perhaps you could have a fact of the day. If you would like more ideas, please speak to your child's teacher.

Use practical resources – Your child has one potato on their plate and you give them three more. Can they predict how many they will have now?

Make a poster – We use Numicon at school. You can find pictures of the Numicon shapes here: bit.ly/NumiconPictures – your child could make a poster showing the different ways of making 4, or 6.

Online songs: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wlyEWSoz9UY>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PIMK8bHoH68>

Play games – www.ictgames.co.uk

White Rose Maths 1-minute Maths App



Key Instant Recall Facts

Reception Autumn 2

To recite numbers in order from 0 to 10 and back again

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts **instantly**.

- ▶ Say number names in the correct order counting forward from 0 to 10
- ▶ Say number names in the correct order counting back from 10 to 0

Key Vocabulary

Forwards
Backwards

They should be able to say the number names forwards and backwards in the correct order consistently.

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Going up and down stairs say the numbers as you climb the steps.

Sing songs which use numbers – Youtube has some great examples to sing along with-
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUZaPCLJA3c>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RfJKqkvHTY>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V_lgBbqWE
 CDs in the car with counting songs

Share books which involve counting

Reception: Please practice the sounds and actions your child has learnt using the sound cards in your child's book bag.

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 and Forest Schools, they can bring in a small rucksack for their Gym/FS clothes. Please ensure **everything** is named!

We ask all children to bring to school on a Monday a clean sensible water bottle similar to this one to avoid spillages!



We will send the water bottles home every Friday to ensure they are cleaned thoroughly. The weather is very changeable at the moment so if you could please ensure your child has a waterproof coat, gloves and a hat that should cover every eventuality!

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News/Dates:

5th December: Whole School Panto!

7th December: Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

12th December: Larks & Robins Nativity play 2pm and 6pm – further information to follow!

13th December: Christingle Service at school 2.30pm

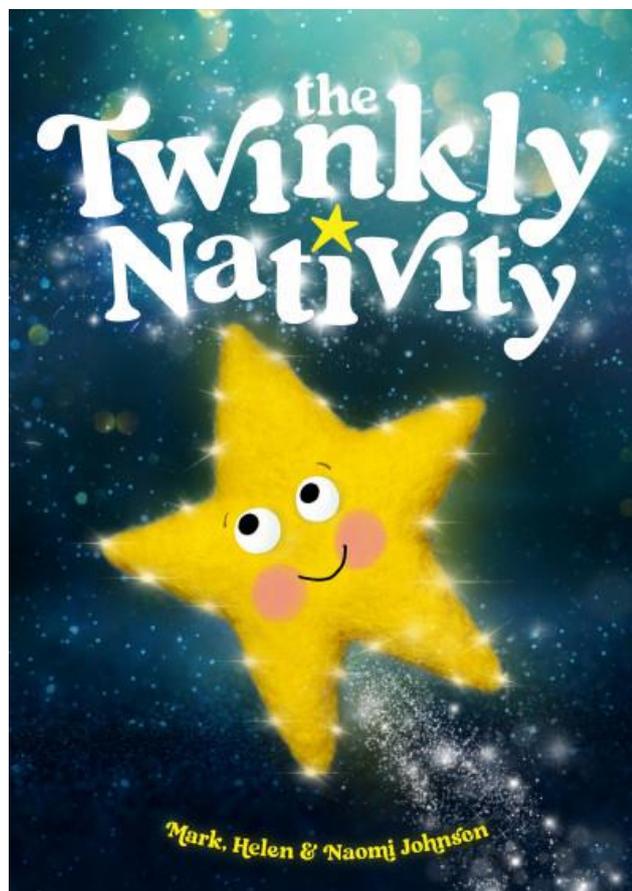
19th December: Last day at school

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, it is very much appreciated.

Kindest regards

Mrs C Masson

Larks Team



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