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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Larks Class Newsletter Spring 2 Term 2024

Welcome back to this 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: Our new genre is Instruction writing. We will start with making sandwiches and writing a set of instructions. The children will also be introduced to a variety of poetry anthologies.

Maths: We will be focusing on Place Value within 50, Length & Height and Mass & Volume. We will continue to learn our doubles facts, number bonds and counting in our 2's, 5's and 10's.

Geography: Our topic is 'Wonderful Weather'. We will learn different types of weather including changes within our seasons. We will observe and record weather patterns including hot and cold areas of the world.

Science: Our topic is Forces. The children will explore that pushes and pulls change the movement of objects. They will carry out a range of investigations.

Music: Our topic is 'Me'! The children will listen and appraise a range of songs and learn a variety of nursery rhymes.

PE: Our PE lesson will be on a **Monday afternoon** so children will need to have their PE kit in school. We will change after lunch. Our focus will be striking and fielding. If the weather is wet, we will be in the hall but please ensure your child also has suitable PE clothing to be outside.

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.

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.

Book bags, Water bottles and Coats: Just a reminder we encourage children to bring their belongings into

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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 warm 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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