

Great Whelnetham CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,





Larks Class Newsletter Spring 2 Term 2023

Welcome back to the start of this exciting Spring term. We hope you all had a wonderful half term 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 continue to be Non-fiction but we will be focussing on labelling, fire safety and writing instructions. The Year 1 children will be writing instructions on how they made a jam sandwich!

In **Maths** we will continue to focus on Addition & Subtraction within 20, Place value within 50, Length & height and Mass & volume. 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 **Geography lessons** weekly. The children will be comparing London to Uganda. We will be using Atlases to locate and name the seven continents and five oceans.

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

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 Target games.

Larks children will also take part in a lunchtime PE active club twice a week **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. **Please** ensure **earrings** are **not** worn on these days.

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: Please continue to **practice** reading the **'nonsense'** and **'real' word cards** your child brought home before the Christmas break.

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.

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 the Larks Team