



LARKS HILL

JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

Spring term, 2023

Dear Parent/Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back. Year 1 have settled back in brilliantly this week and I am impressed with their continued positive attitude towards their learning. We are excited to continue our new 'Reading Race' challenge this week. Children are encouraged to read as much as possible at home and every time they complete 25 reads, then they will be rewarded in school. The children who reach 100 reads each term will be rewarded with a cinema afternoon.

If you have any queries please speak to me on a morning or leave a message with the office and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Maths

This half term we will focus on embedding the skills that we have learnt previously. We will be focusing on addition and subtraction and applying this to numbers to 20. We will be using the number bonds to 20 and applying this to solve different problems. We will then move onto place value. We are going to learn how to count, compare and order numbers within 50. We will count forwards and backwards and find one more and one less for a number to 50.

English

This term, we will be continuing to write lots of sentences to practise our capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, and we will be working on applying our phonic knowledge to help us spell. In Autumn term, we had a big focus on improving handwriting and this has had a big impact on the handwriting and presentation in Year 1, this is something we will continue to focus on. Children will use our cannon text, One day of our blue planet- Ella Bailey, as an aid to enhance their writing.

History

In History this half term we will learn about explorers! We will look at people who explored Antarctica and the first people to reach the South Pole.

How you can help your child:

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. We open our doors at 8.45am.

Please listen to your child read as often as you can - at least 4 times a week.

Please check your child brings their reading book, phonics book and reading record to school every day.

Please help and encourage your child to practice their spellings every week. It is crucial that these spellings become embedded to help your child in Year two.

Please send your child to school with the correct school PE kit every Wednesday and Friday.

Science

This half-term we are learning about living things and their habitats. We will identify and name the common animals' groups of fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will learn that most living things live in a habitat to which they are suited and we will describe how different habitats provide basis needs of different kinds of animals, and how they depend on each other.

Computing

During this term, we will focus on our speaking and listening skills when giving and following algorithms. We will apply our skills regarding positional language (Maths),

Geography

In Geography, we will learn to name and locate the five oceans of the world. We will recap the difference between land and sea when looking at a map. We will begin to ask geographical questions linked to the five oceans. We will research the characteristics of the five oceans and the animals that live there and why. We will understand what the conditions are like in the South Pole.

instructions (English) and directions (Maths/Geography).

PE

Our PE lessons will continue to be on Wednesday and Friday afternoon. Wednesday's lesson will be ball skills and Friday dance. We will also have classroom kitchen every Wednesday. Children will be taught how to use equipment safely and how to prepare healthy snacks.

Art

In art, we will learn to;

- perform a running stitch.
- thread a needle.
- tie a knot.
- join two pieces of fabric by stitching.
- And to create a layered textile piece to represent the ocean.

Useful Websites

GoNoodle (Physical Education)

www.gonoodle.com

Phonics Play (This is a fun game that the children enjoy using in school)

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

ICT games (This is a great game to practice addition and subtraction and place value).

www.ictgames.com

Top Marks (Maths Games)

www.topmarks.co.uk

Oxford Owl (Reading)

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Design Technology

In Design and Technology, Children will make a moving scene from the book 'One Day on our Blue Planet' using a sliding mechanism. We will then evaluate the finished work, including positive comments and development ideas.

Music

The focus for music will be noticing the inter-related dimensions of music in the sound of the sea.

Using our observations of the sounds of the sea, and our knowledge of musical impressionism, we will create a musical impression of the sea using my body, voice and musical instruments.

RE

This term, we are looking at the main features of places of worship. We will learn to identify the features of a mosque and a church and explain how they are used. We will explain similarities and differences between the places of worship.

Homework

Spellings will need to be practiced at home every week. The spellings will be tested in class every **Friday**.

Other homework will also be sent home where appropriate to support or extend learning.

Reading Books

It is expected that children will read regularly at home, every day if possible. Please remember to sign your child's reading record whenever you have listened to them read. Reading books will be changed once a week, this will either be on a Thursday or a Friday.

Please keep in touch

If you would like to speak to me about anything concerning your child, or any aspect of Year 1 or school life, please do not hesitate to make an appointment in the School office or speak to me directly.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Nortcliffe