

Year 2 Class Newsletter



LARKS HILL

JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

Spring Term 1, 2023

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome back after what we hope has been a wonderful and restful Christmas break. The children had a fantastic first term in Year 2, worked incredibly hard and produced some outstanding pieces of work.

Maths

For the first few weeks, we will spend time developing a sound understanding of shape, both 2D and 3D. Then we will move on to studying money. As always, there will be a great emphasis on using our maths skills for problem solving. Later in the term we will begin to develop the understanding of multiplication and division. In Year 2, children are expected to know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables, we work on this a lot in school and there are lots of resources that can also be used at home.

Science

As scientist we intend to identify and name the common animal groups of fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will learn that most living things exist in a habitat to which they are suited and we will describe how different habitats provide basic needs of different kinds of animals, and how they depend on each other.



English

We are going to start this half term by writing an explanation text all about Penguins, we will be looking at the features and layout and creating a class book of all the work. We will also be focusing on narrative writing, retelling the story of Ernest Shackleton and his expedition. In this topic we will also be exploring the 'The Rainbow Bear' by Michael Morpurgo and writing our own diary entries through the eyes of the bear.

History

This half term we will learn about explorers, look at people who explored Antarctica and the first people to reach the South Pole. We will order the event of Amundsen and Scott and discover the struggles of their adventures, including the impact they had on the world.

How you can help your child:

- Ensure your child arrives at school on time.
- Listen to your child read, or discuss what they have read, as often as you can and record it in their reading record.
- Please check your child brings their reading book and reading record to school every day.
- Ensure all clothing and personal items are clearly label with their name.
- Please help and encourage your child to complete their homework, practise their spellings and times tables.

Reading Books

It is expected that children will read regularly at home, every day if possible. You do not need to read the whole book in one sitting. Please remember to sign your child's reading record whenever you listen to them read or you have discussed what they have read; you don't need write a comment each time.

Geography

We will learn to name and locate the five oceans of the world and recap the difference between land and sea when looking at a map. We will also 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.



PE

Our PE lessons will be on Thursday afternoon (indoor) and Friday afternoon (outdoor).

Indoor – Dance

Outdoor – Sending and Receiving

Art

We will be learning how to join two pieces of fabric together with running stitch in order to create a piece of artwork using a variety of textiles to depict the ocean. We hope to add further details such as beading to our designs.

Design Technology

To design and make a moving scene from the book 'One Day on our Blue Planet' using a sliding mechanism. We will be evaluating the final design against a design criteria, including positive comments and development ideas.

Music

We will notice the inter-related dimensions of music in the sound of the sea. We will appraise Debussy's Symphonic Sketches of 'La Mer' and pick out inter-related dimensions of music. We will create a musical impression of the sea using our bodies, voices and musical instruments.

Useful Websites

GoNoodle

www.gonoodle.com

Phonics Play

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p>

ICT games

www.ictgames.com

Top Marks

www.topmarks.co.uk

Hit the Button

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

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.

Computing

During this unplugged unit, we will focus on our speaking and listening skills when giving and following algorithms. We will apply our skills regarding positional language, instructions and directions.

Homework

Spellings will be set out half termly and will be tested each Friday. Further homework will be sent out when required to supplement the children's learning.

Please keep in touch

If you would like to speak to us about anything concerning your child, or any aspect of Year 2, please do not hesitate to get in touch by making an appointment in the School office.

Best wishes, Miss Whale