

# Year 4 Class Newsletter



LARKS HILL

JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

## Spring Term 1, 2023

### Dear Parent/Carers

Happy New Year to you all! It has been wonderful to have the children back at Larks Hill and settling back into school life.

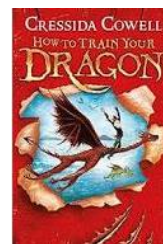
This letter contains all the necessary information for you and your child should expect from this term in Year 4.

### Maths

Our sequence of learning in Maths follows the White Rose Maths schemes. We will continue to develop our understanding of multiplication and division. This will be followed by learning about length and perimeter and another unit on multiplication and division. By the end of Year 4 children are expected to be able to recall all the times table facts. Also in Year 4, pupils will undertake the statutory times table test so this will be a priority for us.

### English

This term, writing will be focused around our book 'How To Train Your Dragon.' We will begin the term by writing a mythical story, followed by a newspaper report. The writing features will include fronted adverbials, direct speech and choosing the correct tense. With a new writing scheme in place in the Trust, another focus will be pupils independently revising and editing their own writing.



### Science

This half-term we will study forces and magnets. Pupils will have the opportunity to investigate the strength of magnets as well as which surfaces create the most friction.

### History

In History, children will learn about The Vikings. We will learn about what life was like for the Vikings, the justice system in Viking and Anglo-Saxon Britain and Vikings raids and invasions.

### Computing

The focus for us this half term is to understand coding and use our knowledge of this to draw shapes and patterns.

### Geography

We will be studying biomes in Geography this term. We will learn what a biome is and locate these on a map and be able to pick a biome to describe in detail.

### PE

### How you can help your child:

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time.

Please listen to your child read, or discuss what they have read, as often as you can.

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

Please help and encourage your child to complete their homework, practise their spellings and times tables.

Please send your child to school with outdoor PE kit on a Tuesday and indoor PE kit on a Monday.

Our PE lessons will be Monday and Tuesday afternoons. P.E. will be indoors on Monday and outdoors on Tuesday.

### **Art**

This term, pupils will be studying the work of Aubrey Brown and create a mixed media piece of art of a dragon's eye.

### **Spanish**

In Spanish we will learn all about families as well as introduce how to ask simple questions about our family and respond to these.

### **Design Technology**

We will be planning, designing making our own levers and linking mechanism.

### **Music**

In Music we will creating a composition using a range of notation.

### **Useful Websites**

TT Rockstars

<https://trockstars.com/>

GoNoodle

[www.gonoodle.com](http://www.gonoodle.com)

Sumdog

[www.sumdog.co.uk](http://www.sumdog.co.uk)

Top Marks

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

BBC KS2 Bitesize

[https://www.bbc.com/](https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn)

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### **RE**

In RE, children will be focusing on the different religious beliefs held by Hindus, Christians and Muslims.

### **PSHE**

We will be focusing on families, friendships. We will focus on the qualities of healthy relationships and look at strategies on how to resolve conflict.

### **Homework**

Spellings will be given at the start of the half-term with weekly tests on a Friday. Times tables should be practised using TTRockStars for at least 5 minutes, 3 times per week.

It is expected that children will read every day. Reading books will be checked and changed as necessary. Please remember to sign your child's reading record whenever you have listened to them read or discussed what they have read.

Other homework will be given as necessary to support in class learning.

Homework is not intended to be onerous, so please let me know should there be difficulty in completing the given tasks.

### **Please keep in touch**

If you would like to speak to me about anything concerning your child, or any aspect of Year 4, please do not hesitate to get in touch by making an appointment in the school office.

Best wishes,

Miss Parkhurst.