

# Year 5 Class Newsletter



LARKS HILL

JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

## Spring Term 2023

### Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome to Spring Term. Year 5 have settled back into school exceptionally well and are ready for another busy and exciting term.

### Maths

In maths, we will be focussing on fractions. We will of course continue to practise arithmetic skills and revising learning that has taken place throughout Key Stage 2, including ensuring a sound recall of times table facts. As ever, there will be an emphasis on using maths skills for problem solving and applying this to other subjects where possible.

### English

Continuing on from Autumn, there will be a focus on developing our core skills across the English curriculum. This will continue to involve lots of reading across all lessons to develop stamina, speed and improve our comprehension skills. This will be coupled with lots of spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting work to ensure children have the necessary skills to write successfully with increasing independence. The importance of practicing these spellings at home, as well as in class, has never been greater. Our class text is 'Goodnight Mister Tom' and will form the basis for all our English work. We will also look to use our improving writing skills across other subject areas.

### History

Children will understand the key events of World War two, the countries involved, who the leaders were and their motivations. Through reasoning and questioning, children will begin to understand how World War Two shaped modern Britain.

### How you can help your child:

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time.

Please listen to your child read and discuss what they have read every night. Ensure reading records are signed.

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

Please help and encourage your child to complete their homework.

Please ensure children have their swimming kit on a Thursday and their PE kit on a Friday.

### Science

This half-term we will develop our knowledge about the importance of electricity within our lives, using electricity correctly and safely and considering the ways in which electricity can be generated including exploring the idea of renewable energy.

We will learn about circuits, what is meant by components and how to accurately draw circuits.

### Computing

We will look to build on coding skills developed in previous years to create their own computer game. Children will create a plan for their game and be guided through the process of how to create it by writing code.

## **Geography**

Children will learn about what is meant by globalisation. They will learn all about how our country trades with others around the globe. They will examine how various trading of goods has an impact upon the environment and the lives of people around the world, and what steps we can take to help to look after the planet.

## **PE**

Our PE lessons will be on a Thursday and Friday. Swimming will be every Thursday afternoon and, on a Friday, pupils need to remember their PE kit – a white T-shirt, black shorts or black jogging bottoms and trainers. Hair must be tied back.

## **Art**

Children will learn a number of drawing and sketching techniques to enhance their drawing ability. We will look at tone, texture, shading, drawing from life and negative and positive space.

## **Design Technology**

Linking to our understanding of World War Two, children will learn about rationing and seasonality of products. Using this knowledge, they will design and make a pie of their own choice.

## **Spanish**

We will practise expressing our likes/dislikes of different sporting activities and to use the future tense using *voy a* (I am going to). Children will continue to develop their listening and speaking skills with, as always, a focus on accurate pronunciation.

## **Useful Websites**

TT Rockstars

<https://trockstars.com/>

BBC KS2 Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>

Sumdog

[https://www.sumdog.com/user/sign\\_in](https://www.sumdog.com/user/sign_in)

## **Music**

To give the children the opportunity to listen and appraise different styles of music and gain an understanding of the style indicators and how music has changed over time. We will allow children to apply this knowledge when rehearsing and performing songs from WWII.

## **RE**

In religious education, we will learn about the moral messages that Jesus taught his followers and consider how these can be applied in modern society.

## **Homework**

The spellings for this half term have been handed to pupils and they will be tested every Friday. Children will bring home their arithmetic paper every Friday to go through any misconceptions and children still need to access TT Rock Stars.

## **Reading Books**

It is expected that children will read every day, if possible and parents are to sign their child's reading record.

## **Please keep in touch**

If you would like to speak to me about anything concerning your child, or any aspect of Year 5, please do not hesitate to catch me before or after school, make an appointment in the school office or contact me directly via ClassDojo or email.

Best wishes,  
Miss H Howard