

Year 1 Class Newsletter



LARKS HILL

JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

Summer term, 2024

Dear Parent/Carers

The children have made a great start to the summer term. This newsletter contains information about what you and your child should expect this term.

We are very excited to let you know that we will be going on our trip to 'Yorkshire Wildlife Park' this term. More information to follow shortly.

We will spend time exploring the zoo and taking part in various workshops linked to identify animals and their habitats including microhabitats

Maths

This half term we will focus on embedding the skills that we have learnt previously. We will be learning about the skills and knowledge required to enable us to complete early multiplication and division problems. We will also be looking at fractions, focusing on a finding a half and a quarter of objects and shapes.

English

This term, we will be continuing to write lots of sentences with a focus on applying our phonic knowledge to help spell words correctly. In preparation for Year 2 we will also be focusing on handwriting and ensuring that the letters are formed correctly. Our cannon book this half term is 'The Hunter' by Paul Geraghty. The children will use this book as a focus for all writing tasks. Children in Year 1 will also focus on comprehension and understanding what they are reading. It would be helpful to ask your child questions when reading with them at home.

History

In History, Children will learn about how a significant individual contributed to national and international achievements. The focus will be on Rosa Parks. They will know where the people and events they study fit within a chronological framework and identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.

Geography

In Geography this half term, we will name and locate the four countries and capital cities of the UK. We will then compare our local area with Limpopo in South Africa, similar to where our cannon book is set. Finally, we will look at famous landmarks in the two capital cities of the UK and South Africa, and compare them.

How you can help your child:

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time every day.

Please listen to your child read as often as you can - at least 4 times a week. Children are rewarded termly when they reach 100 reads. Reading is fundamental skills during Early Education, it is important that children not only read daily in school but also practice at home to build fluency and speed.

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 Monday (Outdoors) and Tuesday (Indoors)

Science

This half-term we are learning about living things and their habitats. Children will learn to name different habitats and explain how living things are adapted to live there.

Computing

We are going to build upon our knowledge of algorithms and debugging using Turtle Logo. We will cross-fertilise computing with maths using our knowledge of 2D shapes and directional language.

RE

Children will consider the key question- How should we care for others and the world and why does it matter? Children will discuss what the key differences are between Hindus and Christians. They will also consider how our actions may have an impact on our community and the local environment.

PE

Our focus for this half term is Athletics and Striking and Fielding. Children will develop fundamental movement skills, become increasingly competent and confident and access a broad range of opportunities to extend their agility, balance and coordination.

Art

In Art we intend to design and create a painting that is reminiscent of the work of Edward Tingatinga, by looking at traditional African patterns. We will start by looking at the paintings and talking about what we like about them. We will then learn the skills required to create our own version.

Design Technology

In DT, we will be using textiles to create hand puppets. The children will explore different types of puppets and their features. The children will practice simple sewing techniques.

Useful Websites

Phonics Play (This is a good game to prepare children for the Y1 Phonics Screening check).

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

TT Rockstars <https://trockstars.com/>

Children now have a log in in their reading record. They can access games involving counting in 2s , 5s and 10s on here. More information will follow on dojo shortly.

Top Marks (Maths Games)

www.topmarks.co.uk

Oxford Owl (Reading)

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

Music

In Music this half term, we will explore rhythms using body percussion, focusing on ways in which we can use our bodies to create sounds. We will also use improvisation to explore the different unrehearsed rhythms that we can create.

Homework

Spellings have been sent home at the end of last term. They will need to be practiced at home every week. The spellings will be tested in class every **Friday**. It would be very useful to encourage your children to write each of the given words into a sentence too.

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.

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 contact me directly via Class Dojo.

Mrs. Nortcliffe