

# Year 2 Class Newsletter



LARKS HILL

JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

## Summer Term 2024

### Dear Parent/Carers

This newsletter contains information about what you and, more importantly, your child should expect in Year 2 this term.

### Maths

For maths, we will continue to follow the [White Rose Maths](#) schemes of learning. That means the topics that we will be learning about this half-term are fractions, time, statistics and position and direction. We will also continue to consolidate all the maths topics covered in our previous learning. Practising column addition and subtraction will remain a priority for Year 2 alongside 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 10 times tables.

### English

Our writing will be based upon our class text of 'The Hunter' by Paul Gherghaty. We are writing a narrative at the start of the half term. We are also going to be writing a calligram poem in the shape of an animal. At the end of the half term, we are going to be writing diary entries from the viewpoint of Rosa Parks.

### History

We will be studying Rosa Parks and Emily Davison and the impact of activism throughout the world. We are focusing on how change happens in history and where this fits onto a timeline.

### Geography

For the first half term, our focus will be studying the countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities. We will be creating comparisons between different cities in the world. In the second half-term, we will begin to look at the continents of the world and the oceans that surround them.

### How you can help your child:

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time.

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school.

Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly named.

Please listen to your child read and sign their reading record daily.

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 and practise their spellings.

### Science

This half term, we are beginning to learn about a variety of different habitats and how animals are adapted to live in their habitat. In the second half-term we will be learning about plants and why they are useful to each habitat.

**PE**

During the summer term all lessons will be outdoors on Wednesdays and Thursdays, weather permitting. We will be doing athletics skills and practicing fielding and shooting skills.

Please refer to the school uniform policy for the correct school PE kit. Children will get changed at school.

**Art**

We will be painting in the pointillism style of Edward Tingatinga. In the second half term, we will be looking at Henri Rousseau and making a mixed media rainforest scene.

**Useful Websites**

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

Sumdog  
<https://www.sumdog.com/en/>

**Design Technology**

We will be looking at sewing and how to make a hand puppet.

**Music**

We will be learning about the impact of culture on music and how music can teach us how to change and look after our world.

**RE**

We will think about how religion teaches us how to care for the world and why that matters. We will compare different religions and their view on what caring for the world looks like to them.

**Computing**

We will begin to look at coding using turtle logo.  
<https://turtleacademy.com/>  
 Pupils will also practise choosing the appropriate software to complete given tasks.

**PSHE**

We will be thinking about our bodies and what is private; understanding friendships and our place in the world.

**Homework**

Spellings will be given at the beginning of each week with weekly tests on a Friday. Times tables and simple number facts to 20 should be practised as often as possible.

It is expected that children will read regularly - every day if possible. Reading books will be checked weekly to move up the rocket 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 2, please do not hesitate to catch me before or after school, send a message via dojo or email, or make an appointment in the School office.

Best wishes,

Miss Jones