



# KS1 (Year 1 and 2 ) Spring Term 1 Curriculum Overview



**LARKS HILL**  
JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

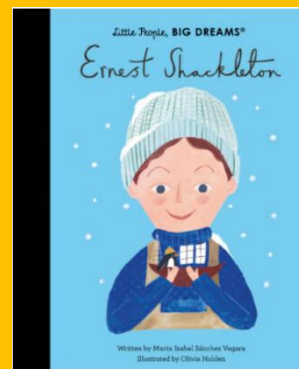
Happy New Year and welcome back!

Children have settled back in brilliantly this week and I'm impressed with their continued positive attitude towards their learning. We are excited to continue our new 'Reading Race' challenge this week. Children are encouraged to read as much as possible at home and every time they complete 25 reads, then they will be rewarded in school. The children who reach 100 reads each term will be rewarded with a cinema afternoon.

## English and Maths

we will be continuing to write lots of sentences to practise our capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, and we will be working on applying our phonic knowledge to help us spell. In Autumn term, we had a big focus on improving handwriting and this has had a big impact on the handwriting and presentation, this is something we will continue to focus on. Children will use our cannon text, Ernest Shackleton Little People Big Dreams book- Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara, as an aid to enhance their writing.

In Maths, will focus on embedding the skills that we have learnt previously. Year 1 will focus on Addition and Subtraction and Place Value. This will include working on numbers to 50. Year 2 will focus on money and recognising coins and amounts. They will also learn early multiplication including, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.



## How you can help your child?:

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. We open our doors at 8.45am.

Please listen to your child read as often as you can - at least 4 times a week.

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: Year 1- Tuesday (indoors) Thursday (outdoors), Year 2- Wednesday (indoors) Friday (outdoors)

Indoor lessons will be Gymnastics and outdoor lessons will be Ball Skills. Children should bring warm outdoor PE kit as we will still go outdoor in most weathers.

## Homework

Spellings will need to be practiced at home every week. The spellings will be tested in class every **Friday**.

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 at home helps children develop their fluency and their understanding of the text.

Reading books will be changed once a week, this will either be on a Tuesday or a Thursday.

## Useful Websites

GoNoodle (Physical Education)  
[www.gonoodle.com](http://www.gonoodle.com)

Phonics Play (This is a fun game that the children enjoy using in school) [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)  
ICT games (This is a great game to practice addition and subtraction and place value).

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

Top Marks (Maths Games)

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

Oxford Owl (Reading)

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



## Other subjects:

In Geography, we will learn to name and locate the five oceans of the world. We will recap the difference between land and sea when looking at a map. We will begin to ask geographical questions linked to the five oceans. We will 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.

In Religious Education, 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. In Science we are learning about living things and their habitats. We will look at woodland, desert and Antarctic animals and research what they eat. We will learn that most living things live in a habitat to which they are suited, and we will describe how different habitats provide the basic needs of different kinds of animals, and how they depend on each other.

## Our School Website

[www.larkshill.patrust.org.uk](http://www.larkshill.patrust.org.uk)

## Please keep in touch

If you would like to speak to us about anything concerning your child, please do not hesitate to make an appointment in the School office or speak to me directly.

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